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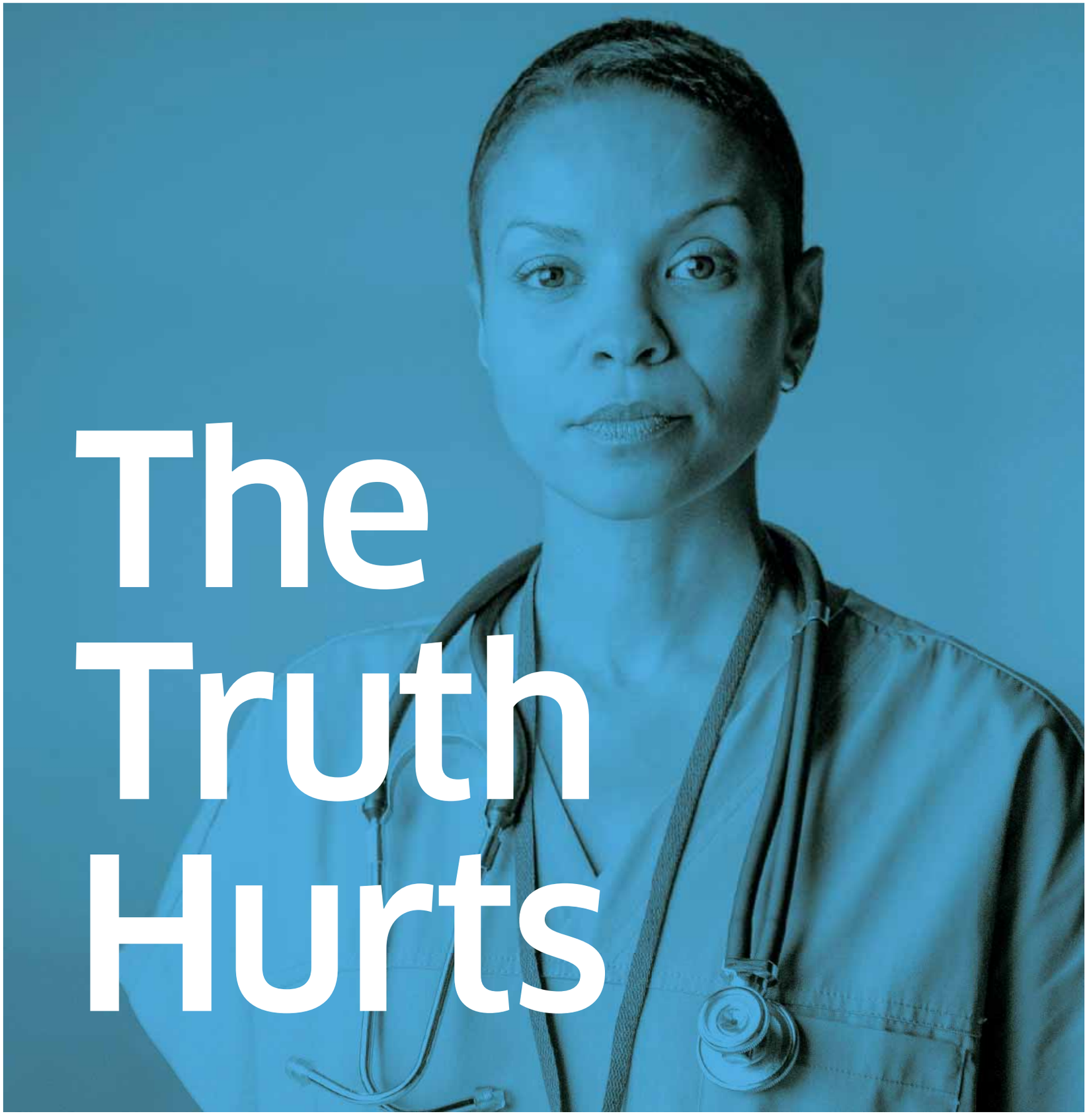

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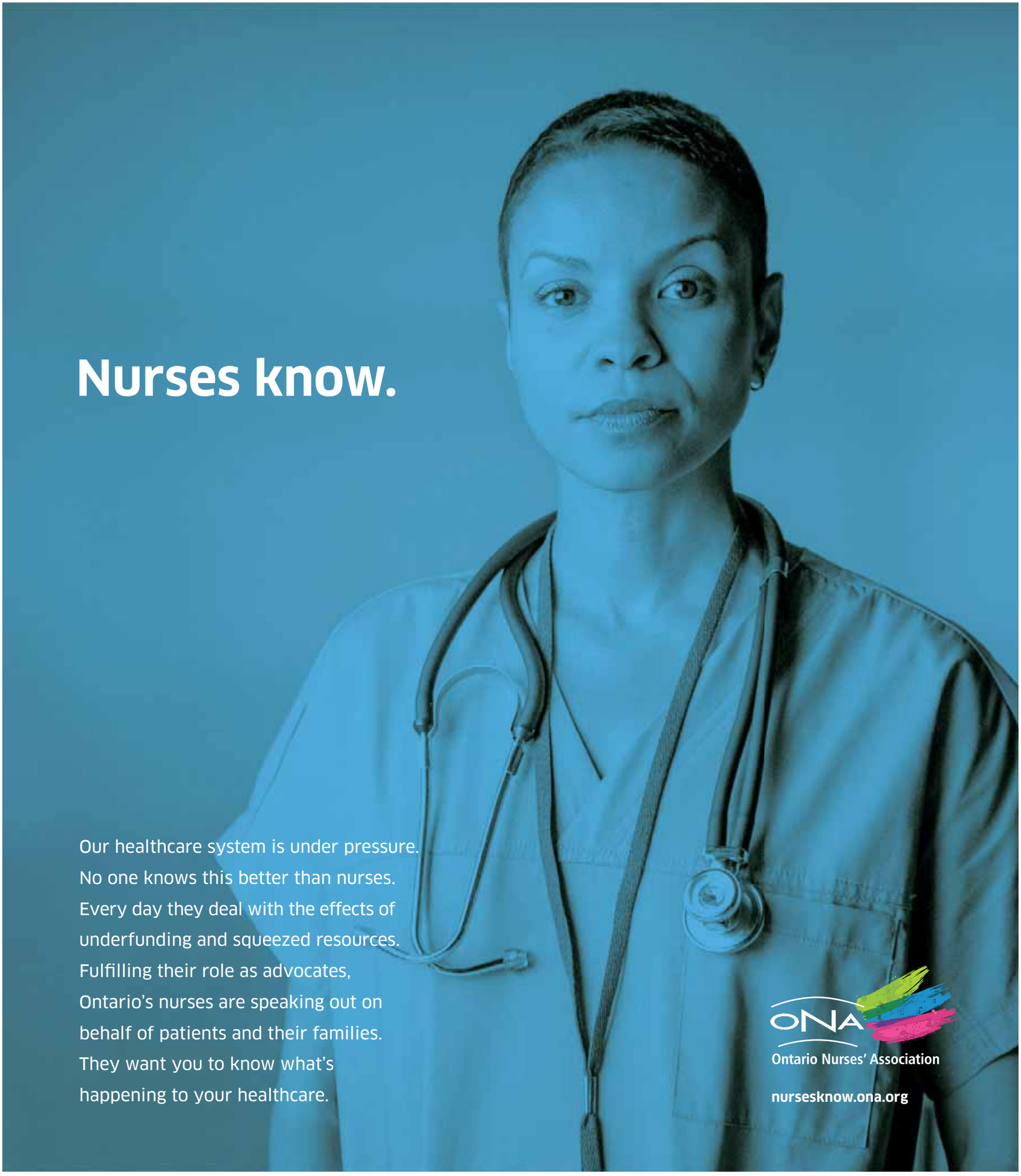
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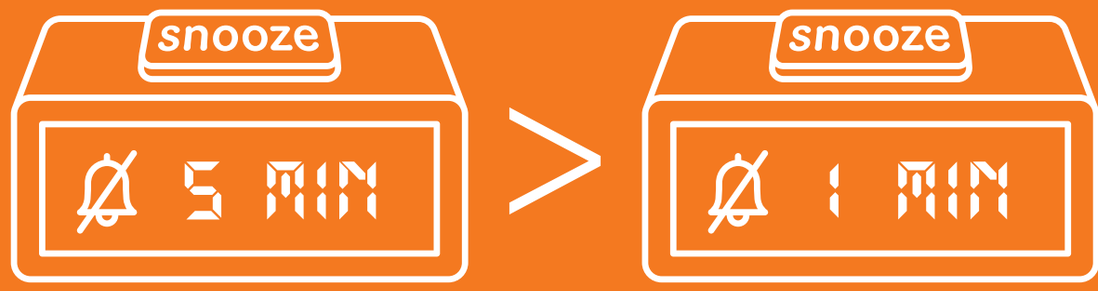

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CANADA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER

Liberal leader and Prime Minister Elect Justin Trudeau kisses his wife following his victory speech at Liberal party headquarters in Montreal on Monday after winning the 42nd Canadian general election. SEAN KILPATRICK/CANADIAN PRESS

The son also rises

NEW GOVERNMENT

Canadians vote for change as Liberals win

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

That title, which seemed improbable a mere 11 weeks ago, is now set to become a reality after the Liberals' historic, come-from-behind result, besting incumbent Conservatives and hopeful New Democrats in one of the country's longest and costliest elections.

"Canadians from all across this great country sent a clear message tonight. It's time for change in this country my friends, real change," Trudeau said in Montreal.

"A positive, optimistic hopeful vision of public life isn't a naive dream. It can be a powerful force for change."

The election ushers in a new era for Canada as Trudeau was swept to power on a vow to change how Canadians were governed and a commitment to end what he branded as the Conservatives' divisive style of politics.

Preliminary results had the Liberals at 189 seats, comfortably more than the 170 seats needed for a majority government in the expanded 338-seat House of Commons. It's a stunning rebound for a party that had been knocked down to 34 seats in the 2011 election and left for dead.

The Conservatives won 103 seats, the New Democrats 35, the Bloc Québécois 10 and the Green Party had one seat, won by leader Elizabeth May.

The day was a humiliating loss for Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, who has served as prime minister since 2006, and a crushing night for NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair.

Harper, who had led his Conservatives to three successive victories, immediately signalled he would be stepping down as leader and instructed the Conservative party to appoint an interim leader and launch a process to select a new leader, according to a party statement.

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CANADA'S LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

Grits dominate, but what now?

ELECTION 2015

Trudeau win caps stunning reversal of fortunes

Steve Rennie
Metro | Ottawa

Justin Trudeau's Liberals didn't just win this election. They did what few, aside from the most die-hard of partisans, thought possible a few short weeks ago.

They dominated.

They swept Atlantic Canada and never looked back.

It is a stunning reversal of fortunes for a party many wrote off as dead after the last campaign four years ago.

The shock result will leave the Conservatives and NDP scratching their heads.

But it is clear Trudeau's team managed to capitalize on the desire of many Canadians for change.

From the start of this marathon campaign, the ballot-box question has been the same: do you want change, and if you do, which party has the best shot at unseating the Conservatives?

Who would have thought when this whole thing started back at the beginning of August that Trudeau's Liberals would be that party?

Trailing in the polls, without the wind that Tom Mulcair's New Democrats had in their sails, and with an untested leader prone to speaking first and thinking later, the Liberals looked like they'd be lucky to hold on to their three dozen seats.

Yet here they are, 11 week later, poised to form a majority government and to return a Trudeau to 24 Sussex for the first time since 1984.

So, what now?

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau greets supporters as he steps off his campaign bus for a rally October 13 in Toronto. The Liberals swept Atlantic Canada and continued to gain ground across the country. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANDIAN PRESS

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We already know what the Liberals plan to do: run three years of deficits to pay for a multibillion-dollar infrastructure plan, redistribute the federal child benefits of high-income families to less wealthy ones, look at changing the Conservatives' controversial anti-terrorism legislation and reform the Senate through an arms-length process to select future members, to name a few things.

There will be much soul-searching in the rival camps.

Stephen Harper's days are done. The Conservatives will be looking for a fresh start under a new, less polarizing leader.

They must broaden the party's appeal and find a way to grow the party's traditional base if they hope to return to power.

A new leader should help. Plenty of people say they like the Conservatives but can't stand Harper. But the party will also need to decide if its hardline positions on issues such as the niqab and legalizing marijuana need to be softened.

What happens to Mulcair is a trickier question. He has done an admirable job as Parliament's interrogator-in-chief, but he alienated some voters by steering his party to the political right.

He probably deserves another shot, but he may not get one. Politics is a cruel business.

THREE IMPORTANT LIBERAL CAMPAIGN PROMISES

1 Infrastructure spending

Almost double federal spending on infrastructure over next decade by adding $60 billion on top of the $65 billion already committed, even though it will mean running an annual deficit of up to $10 billion to 2019.

2 New childcare benefit

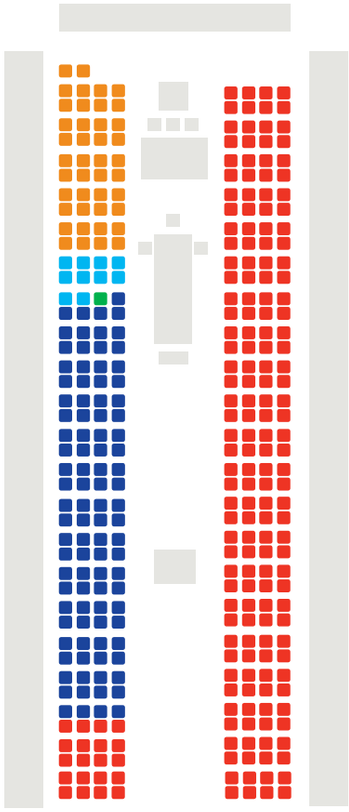
A new child benefit meant to provide greatest benefit to lower-income families. For a two-child family earning $45,000 a year, the benefit would provide $9,850 a year.

3 Income tax rate changes

Reduce income tax rate to 20.5 per cent from 22 per cent for those with taxable income between $44,700 and $89,401. The Liberals would introduce a new tax rate of 33 per cent for those earning more than $200,000 annually.

THE SEATS

Here's how the new Parliament looked as of press time.



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GREEN 1

Election highlights from across the country

ATLANTIC

The rising Liberal tide started in Newfoundland and Labrador and washed across Atlantic Canada.

The Grits were elected or leading in all 32 ridings in Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, turning their backs on the 13 incumbent Conservatives and six New Democrats.

"Atlantic Canada sent Stephen Harper a message — we want change," said former Conservative MP turned Liberal candidate Bill Casey, who won one of the hottest Nova Scotia races — Cumberland-Colchester — in Atlantic Canada.

The Liberals doubled their vote in Atlantic Canada with many crediting leader Justin Trudeau's many visits to the region over the 78-day campaign.

The Grits only won 12 ridings in Atlantic Canada in 2011.

Issues facing easterners included a struggling economy, nagging unemployment, threats to health-care funding and, in Prince Edward Island, the embarrassment of Conservative Sen. Mike Duffy being at the centre of a spending scandal that's still before the courts.

The veteran NDP MPs who fell included Jack Harris in St. John's East, Megan Leslie in Halifax riding, and Peter Stoffer, Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook.

QUÉBEC

The province that marked the beginning of the New Democratic Party's dream in the last federal election was the sight of its nightmare as votes were counted on Monday night.

The party's fortress in Quebec crumbled, giving Justin Trudeau's Liberal party one big step on its way path to a majority government. But the Conservative Party and the sovereigntist Bloc Québécois also made gains amid the ruins.

When the election was called on Aug. 2, the NDP dominated Quebec with 54 seats. The Liberals had just seven MPs from the province and the Conservatives held five ridings. The Bloc had just two seats. There were five Independent MPs as well as two former Bloc MPs who founded the splinter party, Strength in Democracy.

The most obvious benefit of the faltering NDP in the majority francophone province was Trudeau's team. The party saw a number of veterans elected, including Denis Paradis, a former federal minister, and Pablo Rodriguez, who was an MP from 2004 to 2006.

Despite the NDP outcome, some big Quebec names were re-elected, including Ruth Ellen Brosseau in Berthier-Maskinongé, Alexandre Boulerice in Rosemont—La Petite-Patrie, and Guy Caron in Rimouski-Neigette—Témiscouata—Les Basques.

ONTARIO

Ontario voters giveth, Ontario voters taketh away.

Four years after Ontarians delivered Stephen Harper's Conservatives a majority government, they have handed that cherished prize to Justin Trudeau's Liberals.

Armed with a top-notch campaign run by veteran Queen's Park Liberal operatives Katie Telford and Gerald Butts, Trudeau romped to victory Monday in a province that is home to 121 of Canada's 338 ridings.

Harper's previous success in Ontario — where the Tories won 73 of the 106 seats that were up for grabs in 2011 — was easily erased by the Liberals, who had taken just 11 seats in that vote.

And the New Democrats, who had triumphed in 22 ridings here in the last election, were collateral damage with high-profile candidates like former MP Olivia Chow, Parkdale-High Park MP Peggy Nash, Davenport MP Andrew Cash, and Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar losing.

As of 11:30 p.m., the Grits had won or were leading in 79 of Ontario's 121 seats to 34 for the Conservatives and eight for the NDP.

The Liberals ran the table in the Greater Toronto Area, wiping out the Tories and the NDP in the 416 area code.

THE WEST

The Conservatives have dominated the West for years, but Liberals and New Democrats made some dents, with Liberals leading in two seats in Alberta.

Winnipeg riding Saint Boniface-Saint Vital was wide open after Conservative Heritage Minister Shelly Glover decided not to seek re-election following two terms. As with the red tide that swept westward across the country, Liberal candidate Dan Vandal, captured the seat ahead of Conservative Francois Catellier,

The NDP sweep in the provincial election didn't mean much for the party in this riding, held for the Conservatives by former Calgary Herald editor Joan Crockatt, who first won in a 2012 byelection.

With one-third of the polls reporting, she was slightly ahead of Kent Hehr, a former Liberal member of the Alberta legislature.

The New Democrats, which entered the election with no seats in Saskatchewan, were counting on a win in Saskatoon West, a redistributed urban riding, which would have gone NDP in the 2011 vote. And they got it. Sheri Benson, took an early lead and held it thanks to a vote split between city councillor Randy Donauer for the Conservatives and the Liberals under Lisa Abbott, a lawyer.

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Harper to step down as leader

Stephen Harper greet supporters in the Calgary Heritage riding prior to the Conservative leader conceding defeat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEW LEADERSHIP

Conservatives now the official Opposition

Monday, as many Conservatives wrestled with a heartbreaking loss, Harper stepped down as party leader, said Conservative Party national president John Walsh.

"I have spoken to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and he has instructed me to reach out to the newly elected parliamentary caucus to appoint an interim leader and to the National Council to implement the leadership selection process pursuant to the Conservative Party of Canada constitution."

"I wish to address all Canadians," Harper told a large crowd of supporters here. "During the past nine years it has been an unbelievable honour to serve as your prime minister."

"We put it all on the line, we gave everything we had to give and we have no regrets whatsoever."

Jason Kenney, defence minister in Harper's cabinet, said "it's a bad night for the Conservative party, but we'll come back." He said the Conservatives' policies were not the problem but "where we went wrong was on tone," said Kenney.

"We need a conservatism that is sunnier and more optimistic," he said. "We have to take collective responsibility for that."

He deflected questions about leadership ambitions.

The first outward sign of trouble on election day in Stephen Harper's Calgary home base was the grim looks on his staffers' faces as the Conservative leader arrived to vote.

Then came reports from the Conservative campaign across the country. It looked bad. Mid-morning officials thought the party could emerge with just 120 seats.

But there was Harper, visibly at ease with an outcome he knew in his gut was coming — that his campaign was skidding to a brutal loss. Harper had a relaxed lunch with his campaign team, boosting their spirits, and spent time preparing "lots of speeches," at ease with a number of possible outcomes.

Those who know Harper best say it was the same ease he has carried since February when he made the decision to call an unexpected early election campaign that would start in August — a decision his campaign does not regret.

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CANADA'S OPPOSITION

Shocking collapse as NDP support waivers

THOMAS MULCAIR

Campaign built around 'change' fails to live up to momentum

The New Democrats came so close, but then the campaign rolled on and history left the historic hopes of the New Democrats — and their beloved Official Opposition status — behind.

Thomas Mulcair did not become prime minister in the first federal election where one could talk seriously about that being a possibility, and by 11 p.m. had already spoken to prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau to congratulate him on his victory.

Early results suggested Mulcair would keep his Montreal riding of Outremont, but the race looked very close as much of the rest of the province — and the country — got swept up in the Liberal momentum.

There will be much disappointment (and second-guessing) in the ranks for that, as the party recovers from its orange crash. Was it the niqab? Was it the decision to promise a balanced budget? Was it that Mulcair could just not compete, on a personality level, with the charismatic Trudeau?

Time will tell as the post-election analysis comes in, but as one NDP insider put it even before the devastating results started rolling in Monday night: This was a momentum campaign, propelled by the desire for change, and the momentum did not go their way.

The bad news began in Atlantic Canada, losing both NDP Deputy Leader Megan Leslie and long-time MP Peter Stoffer to the Liberals.

They knew those provinces would likely be a near-Liberal sweep, but by the time the Quebec results started rolling in, it was clear the NDP had fallen hard and fast to third place.

The mood in the room was sombre, with a smattering of cheers and applause as the occasional victory rolled in — including that of Ruth Ellen Brosseau in the Quebec riding of Berthier-Maskinongé, the young woman who travelled to Las Vegas during the 2011 election campaign and then had come to symbolize how many of the paper candidates from 2011 had worked hard to become serious MPs.

Early results also suggested they would be able to hold their own in British Columbia.

But celebrations came few and far between, despite party president Rebecca Blaikie at one point yelling some enthusiasm into a microphone in front of a relatively small crowd of supporters: "It ain't over till it's over!"

But it was over, really, and it was even hard to see a silver lining, beyond the fact that Conservative Leader Stephen Harper — against whom they campaigned hard — had gone down to defeat.

Before the poll results started coming in, NDP sources who acknowledged their path to victory had disappeared were still confident the party would at least receive its second-best result in its history.

That second-best bar was not a high one to jump. Before 2011, when the late Jack Layton led his party to Official Opposition status, the highest number of seats they had ever had in Ottawa was 43, under former leader Ed Broadbent.

And yet, they did not even make that.

The fall from 95 seats at the dissolution of Parliament to Elections Canada online results showing them leading in just 42 seats, at time of publication Monday night, is a steep one. And this, especially, for a campaign that had been arguing the party needed only 35 more seats to defeat the Conservative government of Stephen Harper, unlike the 100 needed by the Liberals, who in the end were the ones to actually do it.

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NDP Leader Tom Mulcair speaks to supporters Monday in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MULCAIR QUOTES

Canadians have turned the page on 10 long years and have rejected the politics of fear and division.

I could not be prouder of the diversity and strength of our NDP team.

SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS

May welcomes crowd to 'post-Harper era'

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Elizabeth May has done it again.

The Green Party leader coasted to victory Monday night, winning her seat as MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands on Vancouver Island for the second time.

Although the polls had just closed in British Columbia, May waltzed into the Green election headquarters like a winner, walking hand-in-hand with Green candidates Jo-Ann Roberts and Frances Litman as her forecast of a Stephen Harper Conservative defeat appeared to be coming true.

"Welcome to the first night of the post-Harper era!" a beaming May said to a crowded room of about 150 supporters. "I don't know for sure about being re-elected except that Tom Mulcair just called to congratulate me for being re-elected."

Before that call, May said she also spoke to Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau on the phone to congratulate him on his victory and to ask when she could meet with him to discuss the upcoming United Nations climate conference.

But it wasn't all celebration for the Greens.

Heading into the election, May, who was one of just two Green MPs in the last Parliament, hoped her party would gain the support of enough voters to secure a more influential presence in Parliament.

Once the final votes were tallied, however, it became clear that May's hopes were dashed as the party retained only her seat.

At press time, the party's share of the popular vote appeared to have dropped to 2.9 per cent.

Speaking to Metro after her win, May said she blamed strategic voting, as well as being excluded from three of the five leaders' debates on the Green's low seat count, especially in B.C.

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MAY QUOTES

We have a huge base to build on and people will vote green next time.

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May breaks into song and dance to celebrate the repudiation of Stephen Harper.
THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Ballots scarce as voter turnout surges in Prairies

Voter turnout was so high on some reserves on the Prairies that there were reports of a handful of polling stations running out of ballots.

Leanne Nyirfa with Elections Canada said stations were stocked with ballots based on turnout from the last federal election in 2011.

She said a station on Siksika Nation, east of Calgary, went without ballots for about 15 minutes until workers could deliver more.

Sheila North Wilson, grand chief of a group representing First Nations in northern Manitoba, said she was told there were not enough ballots on some remote reserves in the province.

She said some voters were given photocopies of blank ballots instead.

North Wilson said the turnout showed the First Nations vote has mobilized and people want change.

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Local bar makes night of elections, Jays game

THE LONGEST YARD

Restaurant's decision to air baseball game and election a 'no-brainer'

A tiny slice of the Canadian electorate gathered at a long-time political bar in west-end Toronto on Monday and all anyone really wanted to discuss was baseball.

The stars aligned to change an otherwise dull night into a blue moon with a Blue Jays playoff game playing out alongside the federal election.

"This is a perfect night for any bar," said Gwyn Williams, one of the owners of The Longest Yard, "because people in bars really only talk about three things: sports, politics and sex."

"People endlessly argue about politics and sports, but — stay with me here — they are the same. Someone wins, someone loses and it's almost always because one made a mistake that the other took advantage of."

Williams said he was talking to his staff and co-owner, Debra DeMonte, about which audio they'd broadcast at the bar given their TVs were tuned into both the baseball game and results of the federal election.

"No-brainer," Williams said. "The ball game."

DeMonte said they have been broadcasting election nights — federal, provincial and municipal — since 2000. It all started with the fiery debate, oddly enough, over the infamous U.S. presidential election that year, when there was no clear winner following the epic showdown between George W. Bush and Al Gore.

"That's when we decided we should make a night of elections," he said.

Despite that, Game 3 of the ALCS series between the Jays and the Kansas City Royals dominated most of the televisions at the bar — although there were a few showing early election results from Atlantic Canada that suggested the Liberals were headed for a majority government.

"The campaign has been really interesting ... oh my God," said Jerry Ormiston, trailing off as he took in yet another athletic catch by Blue Jays centre fielder Kevin Pillar.

"Did you see that play? I'm sorry, what was I talking about? Sorry, the election. Did you see that play? Yeah, I don't really want Stephen Harper to win. But, I'm sorry again, that was a helluva play."

> **This is the perfect night for any bar.**
> Gwyn Williams

At 9:30 p.m, the bar changed the audio to the election coverage, when networks called a Liberal government. There were muted cheers from the Liberal party supporters.

One supporter, Teri Muszak — who emphasized she voted based on policy and was not a diehard Justin Trudeau fan — was conflicted about the result.

"I'm a bit scared," she said. "I was expecting a minority, so I'm not sure what to say. Let's hope Justin does what he says he's going to do."

She was more upset, though, at the audio, which by 10 p.m. had switched back to the baseball game.

DeMonte said she'd been at odds with the bar's manager over the audio, finally putting her foot down when the CBC declared Trudeau's government would win a majority.

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SOFTENING THE BLOW

Mike O'Connor said he came down to the bar because it's the only place he knows that showed both the game and the election, which he called the perfect combination for a Monday night.

"This could lessen the blow," he said with the Jays up big over the Royals as the Liberals bested his favoured Conservatives.

Later, after Blue Jays infielder Ryan Goins hit a home run, O'Connor muttered: "I needed that."

WINNIPEG

Woman delivers triplets, still gets to vote

Gillian Taronno wasn't going to let giving birth to triplets stop her from voting.

She and her husband Sandy went Monday morning to a polling station in the riding of Winnipeg South Centre.

Gillian asked those in line inside Harrow United Church if they could go ahead to vote.

She told them it was because she had to have a C-section at 9 a.m. to deliver her three babies.

People in line replied yes in unison and motioned them to move ahead to the front of the line.

Relatives say Taronno has given birth and she and the three baby girls are healthy and doing well.

The names of the babies have yet to be announced.

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DEBATE

Issues that grabbed public attention

Over 78 days, a handful of issues grabbed the public's attention. The parties' and candidates' fortunes rose and fell accordingly.

• **Mike Duffy:** Stephen Harper launched the campaign in early August and was quickly dogged by questions about the ongoing fraud and bribery trial of former Conservative Sen. Mike Duffy. Day after day, Harper was pressed about what he and his staff knew about a secret payment to Duffy.

On the upside for the Tories, the early election call allowed Harper to get the Duffy questions out of the way by the time the campaign entered September.

• **Economy:** Stephen Harper launched the campaign on the strength of his party's stewardship of the economy. Touting job numbers and a balanced budget, Harper offered voters a steady-as-she-goes approach.

The Liberals and New Democrats tried to make the economy an issue too, charging that under Harper's tenure, economic growth and job creation have been sluggish and that the Conservatives offered only tepid remedies.

• **Refugees:** The plight of Syrian refugees fleeing violence in their homeland — and the question whether Canada was doing enough to help — blew up on the campaign trail in early September with the tragic photo of Alan Kurdi, a three-year-old boy who drowned off a Turkish beach. His family had aspired to come to Canada.

Liberal and New Democrats accused the Conservatives of foot-dragging and pressed the government to accept thousands more refugees.

• **Niqab**: The Conservatives put this divisive issue on the radar with a promise to legislate a ban on niqabs at citizenship ceremonies. Stephen Harper later mused about banning niqabs for anyone delivering or receiving a federal public service. BRUCE CAMPION-SMITH

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TORONTO VOTES

Grits paint tow

LUCKLY LEFT

Party wins after campaigning on progressive platform

Luke Simcoe
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The red wave that started in the Atlantic rolled right through Toronto on Monday.

Voters across the city — from downtown condos to the suburbs of Scarborough — resoundingly rallied behind the Liberal Party on Monday.

Not even Toronto-Danforth, the riding once held by late NDP leader Jack Layton, was safe, as both Conservative and NDP incumbents across the city were toppled by Liberal challengers.

Relatively unknown Grits were able to knock off NDP stars like Andrew Cash and Peggy Nash; Olivia Chow lost to Liberal Adam Vaughan in Spadina-Fort York; and former police chief Bill Blair won back the riding of Scarborough Southwest.

In Eglinton-Lawrence, embattled Conservative finance minister Joe Oliver lost his seat to Liberal Marco Mendicino.

"The Liberals ran a very good, very polished campaign," said University of Toronto political science professor Chris Cochrane. "Justin Trudeau was very effective.

"The Liberals positioned themselves as the party of progressive Canadians," he said. "It's not necessarily something the NDP failed to anticipate, but it's a lesson they failed to learn from the Ontario election."

Cochrane said the shift from orange to red in downtown Toronto shows the progressive vote in the city isn't tied to a single party.

"These aren't dyed-in-the-wool Liberals or dyed-in-the-wool NDP voters," he said. "People choose. In this case, it was about whoever was most capable of beating Stephen Harper.

"At the start of the election, the NDP looked like they were going to carry that, but as their fortunes slumped in Quebec, voters in Ontario turned to the Liberals."

The last time the Liberals swept Toronto was in 2000 when Jean Chrétien won his last term as prime minister.

The power ridings What happened in the key races across Toronto

Adam Vaughan

'The urban agenda is back'

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Liberal Adam Vaughan has been re-elected to the House of Commons, defeating NDP icon Olivia Chow.

Constituents in Spadina–Fort York overwhelmingly sided with Vaughan, handing him over half the vote.

"Liberal red, right across the city," said Vaughan, to his cheering supporters at the Rivoli bar on Queen West. "This is a huge win, because it's built on hope and hard work."

With a Liberal majority in Ottawa, Vaughan promised "the urban agenda is back" and said his party would focus on issues like transit and housing.

Both Vaughan and Chow are high-profile politicians who have represented the area as MPs and city councillors. The race was thought to be among the closest in the country.

Early polls showed Chow with a significant lead. However, Vaughan narrowed the gap as the election got closer.

Chrystia Freeland

'Harper thought using the niqab would divide us'

Steven Goetz
Metro | Toronto

Chrystia Freeland declared the "end of the Harper decade" Monday as she took the new riding of University-Rosedale.

"Harper thought using the niqab would divide us," Freeland told supporters gathered at the Gardiner Museum. "Tonight Canadians said, 'We are better than that.'

Freeland, the Liberal's trade critic, took 50 per cent of the vote with 158 of 222 polls reporting. The NDP's Jennifer Hollett, a former broadcast journalist best known for her stint as a MuchMusic VJ, was the runner-up with 28 per cent.

A high-profile addition to the Liberal team, Freeland, also a former journalist, won Toronto Centre in a 2013 bye-election to replace former Liberal MP Bob Rae.

She is expected to serve prominently in a Trudeau cabinet.

Marco Mendicino

'I know the hard work only starts now'

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Unseating a federal finance minister isn't an easy task.

But Liberal Marco Mendicino has done it in Eglinton-Lawrence. He earned 49 per cent of the vote with 147 of 207 polls reporting to beat out Conservative incumbent Joe Oliver.

"I could not be more proud to serve my community," he said in his victory speech. "Tonight, we've chosen to close the chapter on a decade of divisiveness."

It was, he said, a "historic night."

"I know the hard work only stars now."

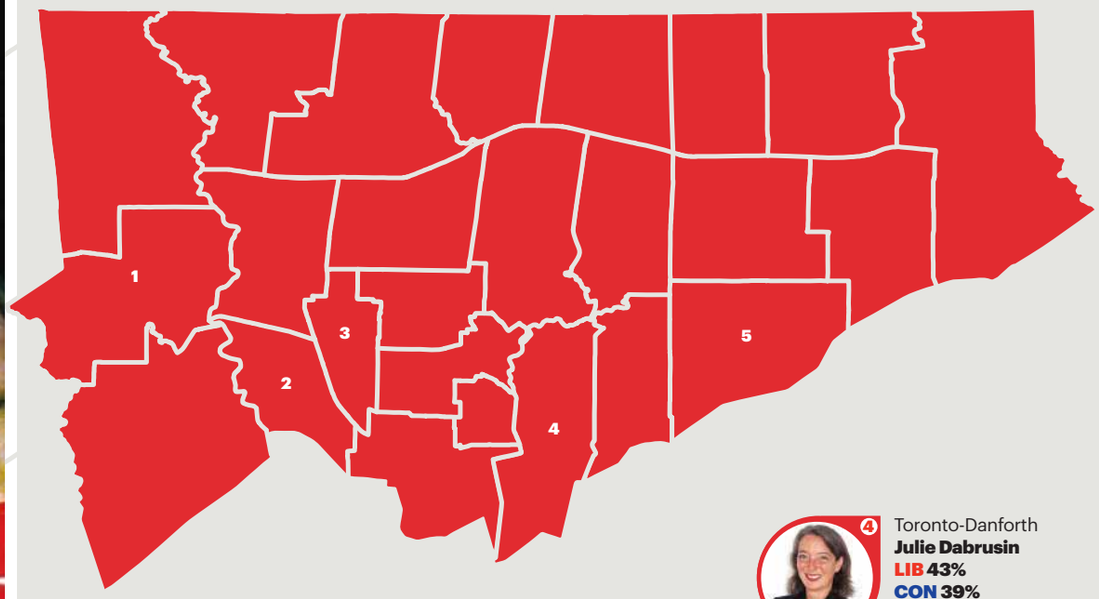
A long-time resident of the riding, Mendicino served as a federal prosecutor for 10 years before going into private practice at his own firm.

This summer, he beat out Tory defector Eve Adams for the Liberal nomination and ran a tight campaign against Oliver.

n red

Breakdown: Riding results

Support for the Liberal Party's candidates swept across Toronto, with the party taking all 25 federal ridings in the region. The NDP lost key incumbents, including Olivia Chow, setting the tone for the rest of the country.



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Julie Dabrusin
LIB 43%
CON 39%
NDP 10%
Not even Jack Layton's old riding was spared from the red wave.

2 Parkdale High Park
Arif Virani
LIB 43%
NDP 38%
CON 14%
Liberals take NDP stronghold.

1 Etobicoke Centre
Borys Wrzesnewskyj
LIB 52%
CON 37%
NDP 8%
Liberals romp to victory in a riding that went to a recount in 2011.

3 Davenport
Julie Dzerowicz
LIB 46%
NDP 39%
CON 11%
Newcomer topples popular NDP MP Andrew Cash.

5 Scarborough Southwest
Bill Blair
LIB 52%
NDP 24%
CON 21%
Former Toronto police chief reclaims riding for Liberals, ousting NDP incumbent.

> **The Liberals positioned themselves as the party of progressive Canadians.**
> Chris Cochrane

City got the new partner it needed

CAMPAIGN PROMISES

New party bodes well for transit and housing issues

TORY'S TORONTO

Matt Elliott

More than anything else, Toronto needed a new federal partner. Now, at last, we have one.

With the Liberal Party having secured a commanding majority in the House of Commons and Justin Trudeau set to become Canada's next prime minister, the complexion of a bunch of important issues that face the city will change — and should change for the better.

And that has me feeling optimistic, even with my misgivings about the party and policies of the new prime minister.

Consider the expansion of the island airport. Before Monday, there was a real chance city hall was looking at a prolonged and lobbyist-heavy debate on whether to allow Porter Airlines to land jets on the city's waterfront. But based on the Liberal pledge not to re-open the agreement that governs the airport, now that debate is over.

And even though transit and affordable housing were not pushed as major issues during the campaign, the Liberals made significant promises on both fronts.

Their platform includes billions more in needed transit investment. If they deliver, it's hard to overstate how much real federal support for transit would improve things for transit riders in our city.

The Liberals also talked a pretty big game on affordable housing. If nothing else, they've got a chance to do a whole lot better than Stephen Harper, who had years to pony up the $864 million Toronto needs for immediate repairs to community housing units and failed to show up.

Still, my optimism is cautious. Mostly because I'd be lying if I said this was the federal election I hoped we'd have.

Way back when things kicked off in August — I was so young and so innocent then — I was hopeful that this election would be all about the things that really matter to people in big cities like Toronto. Things like transit, poverty and affordable housing.

But it wasn't to be. Instead it was mostly about weird stuff. Things like the nebulous middle class. And the niqab. And hair and beards. It was even about Rob Ford, somehow.

In addition, the Liberal Party has a troubling tendency to campaign from the progressive left and govern from the penny-pinching right. There's reason to be skeptical.

But after almost a decade of the same Conservative status quo, at least Toronto now has an opportunity to see real, positive change.

To get it, the city needs immediate action on two fronts.

For Mayor John Tory and city council, now is the time to speak loudly. Demand that the new federal government keep their ambitious promises. Do not let up.

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CANADA VOTES

The visual campaign

The 11-week road to Parliament, with photos curated by Metro photographer Liz Beddall

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The longest federal election campaign in modern Canadian history had its share of twists and turns. Here are some that stood out.

Aug. 6: First leaders' debate

With the Liberals third in the polls, party leader Justin Trudeau delivered a fiery performance at the first debate, outstripping expectations and setting the tone for his ascent in the polls.

Aug. 11-19: Nigel Wright testifies at Mike Duffy trial

Stephen Harper's former chief of staff's testimony provided an unflattering look at the inner workings of a prime minister's office in crisis mode.

Aug. 27: Liberals promise deficits

In a bold strategic move, the Liberals aimed to remove themselves from the pack by proposing deficit spending until 2019 to invest in infrastructure.

Sept. 3: Alan Kurdi

The photo of three-year-old Syrian boy Alan Kurdi's body on a beach in Turkey, and revelations that his relatives were hoping to reach Canada, rocked the campaign in early September.

Sept. 15: Niqab ruling

The Conservatives pledged to challenge a court ruling striking down its ban on the niqab at citizenship ceremonies, leading to accusations that the party was fostering anti-Muslim sentiment.

Oct. 5: TPP

The Conservatives heralded the Trans-Pacific Partnership as a historic economic agreement. The NDP opposed it and the Liberals said they would study it further.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau poses for a selfie with a supporter in Waterloo, Ont. The cellular self-portrait made a major splash throughout the election campaign and was particularly prevalent along Trudeau's trail. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and his granddaughter play on a pumpkin in L'Assomption, Que. The campaign offered the leaders plenty of photo ops. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Anyone but Harper" became the rallying cry of the electoral left, while the Conservative leader continued to enjoy strong support in the polls. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May, right, participates in a No to Energy East and Line 9B Pipelines demonstration during a federal election campaign stop in Montreal. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Amena Kathrada, centre, walks out of the Hellenic Cultural Centre after casting her ballot for this year's election. Stephen Harper made religious attire an election issue with his government's efforts to ban niqabs at citizenship ceremonies. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Tales of turnaround and triumph in polls

HOT RIDINGS

It was a wild ride in key contests across Canada

The party leaders may get most of the attention, but it's the local races that decide who forms government.

And they were wild Monday night, with high-profile incumbents tossed and parties' traditional territory ceded to their opponents. Here are four key contests that shaped Canada's 42nd Parliament.

Ajax

Chris Alexander was once considered a rising Conservative star, but he's out after only one term in this key GTA riding.

Chris Alexander a casualty of Liberal wave

As Stephen Harper's immigration minister, Alexander was criticized for the government's response to the Syrian refugee crisis, and was one of a handful of Conservative cabinet members who were turfed on Monday. The result means a sweet return for Liberal Mark Holland, who represented Ajax-Pickering for three terms until Alexander beat him in 2011.

Halifax

The first indication that it was going to be a good night for the Liberals was the early results showing a red sweep of all 32 seats in Atlantic Canada. Among the casualties the Grits left in their wake was Megan Leslie, the NDP incumbent in Halifax and a respected MP who was deputy leader of the party. Liberal Andy Fillmore, an urban planner by trade, is the riding's new MP.

Berthier-Maskinongé

In 2011, a young candidate named Ruth Ellen Brosseau was the poster child for the NDP's so-called Orange Wave, which saw the party pick up 59 of 75 seats in the province.

At the time she was accused by her critics of being too inexperienced, but four years later the 31-year-old is one of the few remaining vestiges of the NDP's Quebec triumph. Brousseau was re-elected, but the Orange Wave was almost entirely rolled back.

Regina-Qu'Appelle

Former house speaker Andrew Scheer easily fended off a challenge from the NDP's Nial Kuyek, the manager of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan, to hold onto his Saskatchewan riding. Scheer's victory was part of a Tory romp of the province. While the Liberal dominance in Eastern Canada propelled the Grits to a majority, the Conservatives' continued dominance in Canada's West ensured Tories a second-place finish.

Tory Andrew Scheer back

HIGH TURNOUT

First Nations run short on ballots

A higher than expected voter turnout on the Siksika Nation turned into a ballot shortage for the members at the polls.

Elections Canada confirmed an unexpected ballot shortage in the Bow River riding.

"Yes, they did run out of ballots; at least 15 minutes they were out of ballots," said Calgary's Elections Canada spokesperson Leanne Nyirfa, who added the ballots would be replaced. "There was some people who would have had to wait, you know, 15 to 20 minutes for a ballot to come."

But voters in line and being turned away for at least 45 minutes while new ballots were being delivered by courier, said it took a full hour.

Nyirfa said this doesn't typically happen at polling stations unless voter turnout is higher than expected. She said stations were stocked with ballots based on turnout from the last federal election in 2011.

Reports shortly before polls closed said there were still at least 60 people in line.

Siksika Nation is one of several Prairie reserves that were low on ballots due to high turnout.

Sheila North Wilson, grand chief of a group representing First Nations in northern Manitoba, said she was told some voters on remote reserves were given photocopies of blank ballots when ballots ran out, which is Elections Canada allows in case of emergencies.

North Wilson said the chief of the Split Lake reserve in northern Manitoba told her there had been a line of people waiting to vote as ballots ran low there. Extra ballots were driven 140 kilometres from Thompson.

"The First Nations vote has definitely been mobilized and we're seeing it at the polls," North Wilson said. "People are interested and people are engaged. People want change and they're not afraid to make that known now." METRO WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT

The most commonly cited and misunderstood factor is the length of service an individual has with an employer. Many individuals believe that only those employees with many years of service are owed severance packages. This is completely incorrect. In many cases employees with the shortest service time are provided with comparably higher severance payments. For example, an employee who is 60 years old, with 30 years of service would be entitled to as much as 24 months' severance. Whereas that same employee with only 2 years of service would be entitled to as much as 8 months' severance.

AGE

Typically, older employees are entitled to greater amounts of severance. This accounts for the increased difficulties that older workers face when seeking re-employment. That certainly does not mean that a younger worker should not seek out a fair severance package. Too often I speak with young workers who were reluctant to call me due to their age. While age is a factor, it is only one consideration of many which can impact the amount of severance you are owed. Everyday my firm assists young workers in negotiating significantly increased severance.

POSITION

Traditionally, senior employees or those employees with specialized skills were paid greater amounts of severance. While that is still true in many respects, the playing field has begun to level out in recent years. More and more, severance is being increased as a result of the difficultly an individual has in replacing employment and not based only on the position they held with their former employer. As a result it is more important now than ever to fully assess exactly what you are owed when dismissed.

AVALIABILITY OF EMPLOYMENT

In today's increasingly challenging and competitive employment market it is taking individuals longer periods of time to secure employment after they are dismissed. This is one of the most important factors in determining the amount of severance owed and applies to individuals of all ages, who are both short and long service employees. An employee working in a declining industry, such as manufacturing, will not be able to replace their position as quickly as the average person. Remember, the purpose of severance is to compensate you for the time you are out of a job.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

It felt more like a relief than a victory. 'A lot of good people lost,' my friends echoed each other — excited to see the Conservatives out of power, but sad to see the gutting of the NDP.

I could tell our hostess had been giddy all day.

"I feel like someone who loves sports," she said breathlessly as we rode up the elevator. It was only 5 p.m.

Your election party might have been rowdy. Ours was candlelit. Camembert cheese (thankfully not ice-cold), a homemade North African peanut soup and bottles of red wine. How else does a feminist salon — in the sense of an assembly of friends — toast to the demise of Stephen Harper?

There was the hostess, who is a social-justice advocate, and our friends, the lawyer, the fashion designer and the non-profit manager. For a night amped up this much on social media, we were ready to be giddy. Then the CBC — and Peter Mansbridge in particular — started coverage with all the pulse and excitement of a funeral. It would turn out to be Stephen Harper's.

We watched Mansbridge humdrum his way through Atlantic Canada's red sweep, caught a shot of Ian Hanomansing and a hit of actual energy from the unequalled Rosemary Barton, and switched to the Jays, just in time for the second inning go-ahead run.

"Come on, come on, come on!"

"Yes, yes, yes!!"

By then, the Liberals had 60 per cent of the votes counted so far, and it was time for brownies and ice cream.

"Should I microwave these brownies so they're gooey?" asked Hostess.

The ladies squealed as the Jays rapidly scored another spate of runs. And the CBC's snoozefest coverage continued, until 9:41 p.m., when we switched back.

"Based on this," Mansbridge was saying, "the next prime minister of Canada will be Justin Trudeau."

"Oh my God. Oh my God," said Non-Profit.

"Eat it, Stephen Harper!" said Lawyer.

CBC was calling 54 seats for the Liberals, 18 for Conservatives, and the NDP? Just three.

"The NDP just got slaughtered," I said.

"They really did," Non-Profit said.

In Outremont, though early in the polls, Thomas Mulcair trailed in his own riding.

"Oh dear," Non-Profit sighed. "He must be, like, 'How did this all happen'?"

The CBC's background was by then awash in red, with photos of Justin Trudeau in a canoe.

"It's like 165!"

"Really fast!"

There was only one Liberal voter in the bunch. But no one was sad for a Trudeau win — just sympathetic for the NDP. Non-Profit would have wanted a coalition. The others agreed.

They bemoaned the loss of Megan Leslie in Halifax and Peggy Nash in the GTA — popular politicians who seemed to have lost more to anti-Harper sentiment than to Trudeau.

The votes rolled in.

"Oh, Chris Alexander lost!"

"Excellent!"

"Yes! Fantino's gone!"

Stephen Harper was projected to win his seat.

"I just want to see him concede," I said.

"Ooh," the ladies cooed.

All the anger on all sides of the spectrum gives way, on election day, to hope.

"He'll probably just scurry home," Non-Profit quipped.

"What'll he do after?" wondered Hostess.

"He'll do some stupid Conservative think tank and write some angry articles," Non-Profit answered. "He'll love it. And play in his band the Vancats."

I held my breath for one more Green MP, and the CBC called it a Liberal majority.

It felt more like a relief, less like a victory.

"A lot of good people —"

"A lot of good people lost," said Designer.

They echoed each other: excited to see the Conservatives kicked out of power, but sad to see the gutting of the NDP.

Earlier in the day, just after voting, I'd felt the gleam of a new government. It was silly, but I felt I already knew it was the end of Harper, the start of something.

There was sunlight. Lemon and lime and cherry-red leaves. Dogs poked their heads over fences. I saw an Olivia Chow supporter's Harper's Last Day pin, and it finally felt possible, instead of simply aspirational.

All the anger on all sides of the spectrum gives way, on election day, to hope.

But we didn't vote for newness, so much as voted against the status quo.

"It's easier to say now, to feel badly for the NDP, because we know we're not threatened by the Conservatives," noted Designer. "But we all said before, 'not Harper.' And this is what we're left with."

Plus, they added, "We have a new, young, hot Prime Minister!"

"Everyone is going to be like, Where did they get this hottie from?"

Answer: The dynasty train.

THE MICROTREND: Peer pressure at the polls

The result may not be the only surprising thing about this election. There were signs of a turnaround in youth turnout . Social-media newsfeeds were crowded with young people encouraging others to vote — with selfies, with funny memes and occasionally with shaming tactics. The excitement was palpable online, from an indigenous youth voting campaign to a site for organizing "vote parties," making civic duty a social occasion. Why? It could be Conservative fatigue, or university students who were allowed to vote on campus in their home riding for the first time. But it might also be that since 2011, many millennials have transitioned into full-blown adults, with homes of their own, taxes to pay, small children and aging parents. Where there was once utter disaffection, there are now urgent reasons to vote.

Long-simmering campaign a recipe for voter engagement

Emma Teitel

On Oct. 10, Mary Cleaver, a B.C. woman in her 40s, posted on Facebook about why she would not be voting for Stephen Harper, even though his party's economic policies might benefit her family.

"You've underestimated us," she wrote. "On Oct. 19, we're not voting for our bank balance. We're voting for change because we want the caring Canada of our youth back."

Cleaver's post was shared in the thousands from coast to coast. Spreading Cleaver's message were disenchanted Conservative supporters and staunch progressives eager to disseminate any criticism of Harper. But the group I noticed linking to Cleaver's post most enthusiastically were people my age, in their 20s — a demographic thought unlikely to show up at the polls, yet clearly inspired by the notion that a person would base their vote not on how it might affect her, but on how it might affect the lives of others.

Say what you want about this campaign's bizarre ugliness, but you'd be remiss if you failed to acknowledge that this was a remarkable campaign for youth engagement. It was rife with an unusual passion for the democratic process.

People still may not be voting at the rates they should be, but they are at least learning about politics. Political discourse, whether partisan, balanced or incomprehensible, was almost impossible to ignore this election season.

"People really recognized this was an important and decisive election," said Melana Roberts, 26, co-chair of the Toronto Youth Food Policy Council. "Young people ... are far less apathetic. We are recognizing we are the makers of our own futures, and if we don't stand up for the things we believe in, no one else will."

Roberts may be right about waning apathy. But I have a different theory about high youth engagement with politics: Our election was simply too long to ignore.

If you're a politically uninformed person (I was one for a very long time), when there is an election — usually five weeks in Canada — you typically tune in twice: when the campaign kicks off, and before you're supposed to go to the polls, when you hastily read whatever campaign literature you can get your hands on.

But the protracted election cycle gives voters no choice but to marinate in the issues, and it's infinitely beneficial in an age where sites filter out content deemed irrelevant to our personal interests. Yes, taxpayers have to foot the bill for a long election, but some things — a healthy, engaged democracy for one — are worth the time and money.

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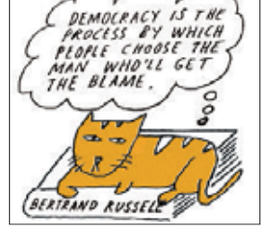

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Proposals include trade pact, pipeline, carbon tax

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is urging the next federal government to implement a suite of initiatives, including changes to the Canada Pension Plan and the adoption of a national carbon tax aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions within 35 years.

The business organization, which represents chambers and boards of trade across the country, says the policy changes were part of 49 resolutions adopted at its annual meeting over the weekend.

It's calling on the federal government to work with provinces on a new tax, or legal limit, that would lead to a "substantial reduction" in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, though the chamber didn't provide any specific goals in its announcement.

The chamber is also pushing for reforms to the Canada Pension Plan that would let employees contribute higher amounts.

It is also asking for "favourable conditions" to support TransCanada's Energy East Pipeline, a proposed development that would have the capacity to transport 1.1 million barrels of crude oil per day from Alberta to refineries and ports in Eastern Canada.

Among the other resolutions was support to finalize the Trans-Pacific Partnership and an initiative to streamline applications under the federal temporary foreign workers program.

"We expect the new government to put Canada's competitiveness at the top of its list of priorities," said chamber president and CEO Perrin Beatty in a statement.

"With these new resolutions that cover a wide array of topics, we're ready to present the priorities of the business community to the new government."

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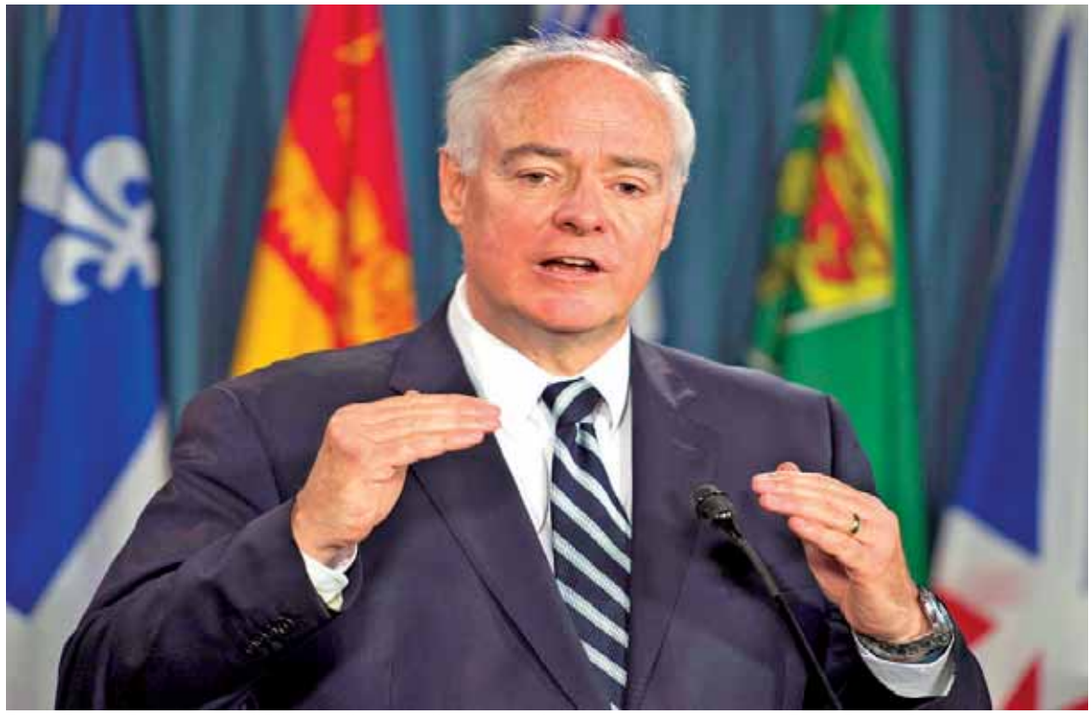

Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, speaks about the Trans-Pacific Partnership during a news conference in Ottawa, Monday October 5. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Gangster on trial for 'Goodfellas' heist

An aging gangster went on trial Monday on charges he was in on the $6-million Lufthansa holdup in 1978, a legendary theft dramatized in the hit film Goodfellas.

The brazen armed robbery of cash and jewelry in the dead of night at a cargo terminal at Kennedy Airport was "the score of all scores" for Vincent Asaro and other mobsters of his generation, Assistant U.S. Attorney Lindsay Gerdes said in opening statements in federal court in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Asaro, 80, aligned himself with heist mastermind, the late James "Jimmy the Gent" Burke — played by Robert De Niro in the 1990 Martin Scorsese film — "because he knew Burke was someone he could make money with," Gerdes said. "Jimmy Burke and Vincent Asaro were true partners in crime."

Defence attorney Diane Ferrone countered by accusing the government of relying on the testimony of untrustworthy turncoat mobsters, including a close associate of Asaro's cousin, Gaspare Valenti. She labelled the cousin a con artist who became a paid government informant in the late 2000s.

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In this 2014 courtroom drawing, Vincent Asaro, left, is joined by his attorney, Gerald McMahon, at federal court in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

IN BRIEF

TD review streamlines Canadian operations

Toronto-Dominion Bank is eliminating some jobs and changing others as part of a company-wide review.

A TD spokeswoman said in a email statement Monday that the review now is focused on Canadian operations.

The review, which has the lender revising its executive and corporate management structure, is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

TD had more than 80,000 full-time equivalent staff last year, according to the bank's 2014 annual report.

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Migrants walk toward Slovenian police after crossing from Croatia, in Brezice, Slovenia, on Monday. SANTI PALACIOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrants hit Croatia

CRISIS

Border opened to let refugees keep moving to Slovenia

Thousands of people trying to reach the heart of Europe surged across Serbia's border into Croatia on Monday after authorities eased restrictions that had left them stranded for days in ankle-deep mud and rain.

The wave of humanity left behind a field scattered with soaked blankets, mud-caked clothing and water-logged tents as they headed for Slovenia, the next obstacle to their quest to reach richer European Union nations via the Balkans.

Monday's surprise move allowed an estimated 3,000 more migrants to enter Croatia bound for its small Alpine neighbour, which also has been struggling to slow the flow of humanity across its frontiers — and faced another wave of trekkers seeking to reach Austria and Germany to the north.

"Without any announcement, the borders opened. When the borders opened, everybody rushed," said Melita Sunjic, a spokeswoman for the UN refugee agency.

Many had discarded their mud-soaked socks and walked only in sandals or slippers through the ankle-deep muck in a driving rain, frigid winds and fog.

900

Number of migrants estimated to have reached Austria through Slovenia on Monday.

Some who had lost limbs during the civil war in Syria were aided by friends pushing their wheelchairs down a country lane that, since Saturday, had been blocked by Croat police.

Now the officers stood aside to permit asylum-seekers by the thousands to walk toward buses for transport north — where they would become Slovenia's problem.

Croatia's prime minister, Zoran Milanovic, said conditions on the poorly sheltered Serb side of the border had quickly grown unbearable.

"It's apparent that this is no solution, so we will let them through. We will send them toward Slovenia," Milanovic said.

Officials on the Croat side of the border planned to bus the newcomers either to a Croat refugee camp or — far more likely, given asylum seekers' reluctance to stop before reaching their desired destinations — to the Slovenian border.

Slovenia's Interior Ministry said some 5,000 people had reached its borders Monday, and most were allowed to enter, with at least 900 reaching Austria by the evening.

Slovenian President Borut Pahor insisted his country would accept only as many travellers as could be funnelled directly on to Austria.

He said Slovenia was determined not to be left holding the bag should Austria or Germany suddenly stop accepting refugee applicants.

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GERMANY

Violence erupts at anti-Islam rally

Violence flared in the eastern city of Dresden after German anti-Islam group PEGIDA staged a rally to mark its first anniversary Monday.

Scuffles broke out when police tried to separate far-right protesters and counter-demonstrators attempting to block their path. Marko Laske, a spokesman for city police, said one person was hospitalized and a counter-demonstrator was detained.

Dresden authorities had warned ahead of the protest that they would crack down hard on violence, amid growing concern in Germany that PEGIDA — whose name stands for "Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West" — is becoming more radical.

Many in the crowd held banners with slogans such as "refugees not welcome."

Germany's top security official warned that groups such as PEGIDA were paving the way for violence, citing a sharp increase in attacks on refugee shelters this year and a weekend knife attack on a leading candidate to be mayor of Cologne. The attacker told police he acted out of anti-foreigner motives.

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Protesters attend an anti-Islam demonstration in Dresden, eastern Germany, on Monday. JENS MEYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Eritrean slain by mob was mistaken for a Palestinian

The death of an Eritrean migrant who was shot and beaten by a mob that mistakenly believed he was a Palestinian attacker set off a round of soul-searching Monday amid the jittery atmosphere sweeping Israel in a wave of unrest.

Some critics accused Israel's leaders of fostering the charged climate, while others called for the swift prosecution of the crazed mob.

Nine Israelis have been killed in the past month in the attacks, mostly stabbings.

At least 41 Palestinians have been killed — including 20 identified by Israeli authorities as attackers; the rest were slain in clashes with Israeli forces.

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Trans Canada in harm's way

WELLNESS

Documentary shows access to transgender health care is bumpy at best

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AJ Ripley is a non-binary trans-masculine PhD student fighting for the funding of proper health-care services in New Brunswick. ALL PHOTOS: SARAH THOMAS MOFFAT

"I didn't think I would live past 30 at that point," AJ Ripley, a gender ambiguous person, says in the Vice Canada documentary On Hold: Investigating Transgender Health Access in Canada.

Ripley is seen standing in front of a portrait of their pre-transition self in the Marie Fox exhibit at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, N.B. "I was 28 at the time and didn't imagine I would make it to 30. So as a 30-year-old standing here in an entirely different body, and looking at those eyes, I just want to hold that person and tell them that it's going to be OK."

It's a vulnerable moment in contrast to Ripley in the opening scene of On Hold, which they host and co-produced. (Ripley is non-binary and prefers the pronouns they/them/their(s).) The trans activist is on the phone trying yet again to schedule a meeting with New Brunswick's minister of health, Victor Boudreau.

Ripley wants a face-to-face meeting with Boudreau to discuss the health minister's comment that doctors don't need to service trans patients if they disagree morally and religiously with their identities.

New Brunswick is the only province in Canada that does not offer any funded procedures to transgender people. On Hold uses that fact as a jumping-off point to examine transgender health care access across the country.

"I'm one of the people who is waiting for surgery," Ripley tells Metro in a phone interview from Fredericton. "It's a really precarious position to be in, to have to ask your friends and family to give you money for a surgery that you need because my government won't pay for it.

"Anywhere else I could apply and go through the paperwork and get it covered, but because my government doesn't pay for it, I have to crowdfund. That can feel like a shameful experience."

While other provinces offer some access to some surgeries, Ripley says that even in Ontario, which has one of the best trans health-care models, "there are still a lot of problems because of understaffing, lack of education and prejudice."

"When you're trans, your life really becomes your cause," says Ripley. "You're an activist from the time you wake up until the time you go to bed, unfortunately."

When allies ask how they can help, Ripley suggests sharing information on social media. "What I tell people is to like my article about what it's like to be a trans activist online. Put it on your (Facebook) wall if you're cisgender, heteronormative people. It might not receive a ton of likes but it doesn't mean people aren't reading it or engaging with it.

"It means the world to me to know that I have 50 or 60 people sharing this documentary in their social media realm," says Ripley, "knowing that will snowball to thousands of other people."

The trans activist was finally able to meet with the New Brunswick health minister, but Boudreau asked for patience until a budget review late in October. "At that time if he doesn't show us that he's trying to find a solution for trans people in the province, we'll have to ramp up our activism," says Ripley.

"Dr. Edgar in the documentary does say that what we've learned statistically through a number of surveys is that waiting equates to death," says Ripley. "So access to trans health care and gender reassignment surgery is not trivial or optional or elective, it's really a matter of life or death. People that spout ideas about these surgeries being cosmetic, I hope that they read more or watch the documentary and realize the damage in that narrative."

> **It's a really precarious position to be in, to have to ask your friends and family to give you money for a surgery that you need because my government won't pay for it.**
> Transgender activist AJ Ripley

LEARN MORE

On social media

- Watch the documentary On Hold on YouTube or at vice.com.
- Follow AJ Ripley on Twitter @genderunicorn and on their blog, Trans Canada (My Way).

West's rant highlights app issue

KIDS' GAMES

In-app purchases problematic for parents

Toronto single mom Robyn Holmes sympathizes with Kanye West.

Like the hip-hop star, who recently dropped an F-bomb on Twitter over in-app purchases for kids' mobile video games, Holmes has been burned by her young child inadvertently racking up a bill on her tablet.

In Holmes's case, her then-four-year-old daughter was playing Angry Birds and clicked on over a dozen in-app purchase prompts to advance to new levels.

"Then I start receiving these emails on my device, 'Thanks for your purchase,' and I'm like, 'Oh my God, what purchase?"' recalls Holmes, an IT problem manager.

"I look and all of a sudden I've got this $80 bill for stuff that she's bought."

Holmes didn't realize that certain settings on the tablet allowed her daughter to make in-app purchases. She's since learned her lesson — one that West clearly just did as well, based on his recent tweet that started with an expletive and then derided "any game company that puts in-app purchases on kids games!!!"

"That makes no sense!!! We give the iPad to our child and every 5 minutes there's a new purchase!!!" West continued in another tweet.

Kanye West recently ranted on Twitter over in-app purchases on North's games. Some parents have bills for hundreds of dollars after their kids too clicked on purchase prompts. GETTY IMAGES

"If a game is made for a 2 year old, just allow them to have fun and give the parents a break for Christ sake."

Actor Jack Black has also been affected by costly in-app purchases, lamenting on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon in May that his young son spent $3,000 on just one game.

In-app purchasing is typically available in games that are advertised as free to download. Sometimes just the first few minutes of play are free, or users may be tempted with the option to buy more lives, bonus features or premium content with real money.

Digital media expert Aimee Morrison, associate professor of English at the University of Waterloo, says the problem improved somewhat after developers of "free" games started indicating in app store descriptions when in-app purchases were available.

But the total cost of in-app purchases can vary wildly, she adds. Some games offer dozens of hours of fun for just a few bucks, while others require substantially more.

The biggest piece of advice from experts is for parents to change settings on their devices to prevent children from making such purchases.

Parents can also seek out kids' games that don't have such traps.

Toronto-based studio Sago Sago, for instance, makes apps that are free of in-app purchases and third-party ads for children ages two to four. Instead, most of the apps cost $2.99 for the entire game upfront.

"It creates challenges for us but the reality is that we've won the trust of a lot of parents," says CEO Jason Krogh.

Morrison says she would like to see more transparency from developers, with kids' apps disclosing how much it would cost to achieve full functionality in a game.

The Samuelson-Glushko Canadian Internet Policy & Public Interest Clinic, based at the University of Ottawa, has defended several clients dealing with this very issue.

Director David Fewer says one client had a child rack up over $800 in purchases on what was at the time a popular kid-focused gaming platform.

"Usually the first response is to go back to whoever it is that's taking your money and say, 'We didn't agree to this. You shouldn't be charging me this. This is outrageous,"' says Fewer. "And usually the companies are good enough to reverse the charges."

Fewer says he'd like to see more safeguards in place, such as a secondary confirmation prompt telling the card holder that their account is about to be used.

"Because it is abusive of consumers," he says. "Most people will contest an $800 bill, but how many people will contest an $8 bill or even an $80 bill?"

Count Holmes among those who "ate the cost" of the bill and learned from it.

"I should've been more aware," she says. "I went online and I told all my friends ... and they were all like, 'Oh my God, I didn't even think of that."'

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HEALTH

Parents now advised to introduce allergenic foods like peanuts earlier

A new review of recent evidence suggests parents don't need to delay introducing foods that commonly cause allergies, like peanuts.

The review published Monday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal states that babies at four to six months of age can begin eating these foods.

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Cost of funding IVF in Quebec a cautionary tale, study says

The cost to Quebec taxpayers for a single baby born to a woman aged 40 and older ranges from almost $45,000 to more than $100,000 under the province's publicly funded IVF program, a study has found.

And while no live births were recorded for women age 44, the mean cost of failed in-vitro fertilization among this age group hit almost $600,000.

Those findings, say researchers, represent a cautionary tale for any other jurisdiction considering whether to fund a similar program.

In 2010, Quebec became the first jurisdiction in North America to cover the costs of IVF for couples unable to conceive on their own. The program funds three cycles of the procedure.

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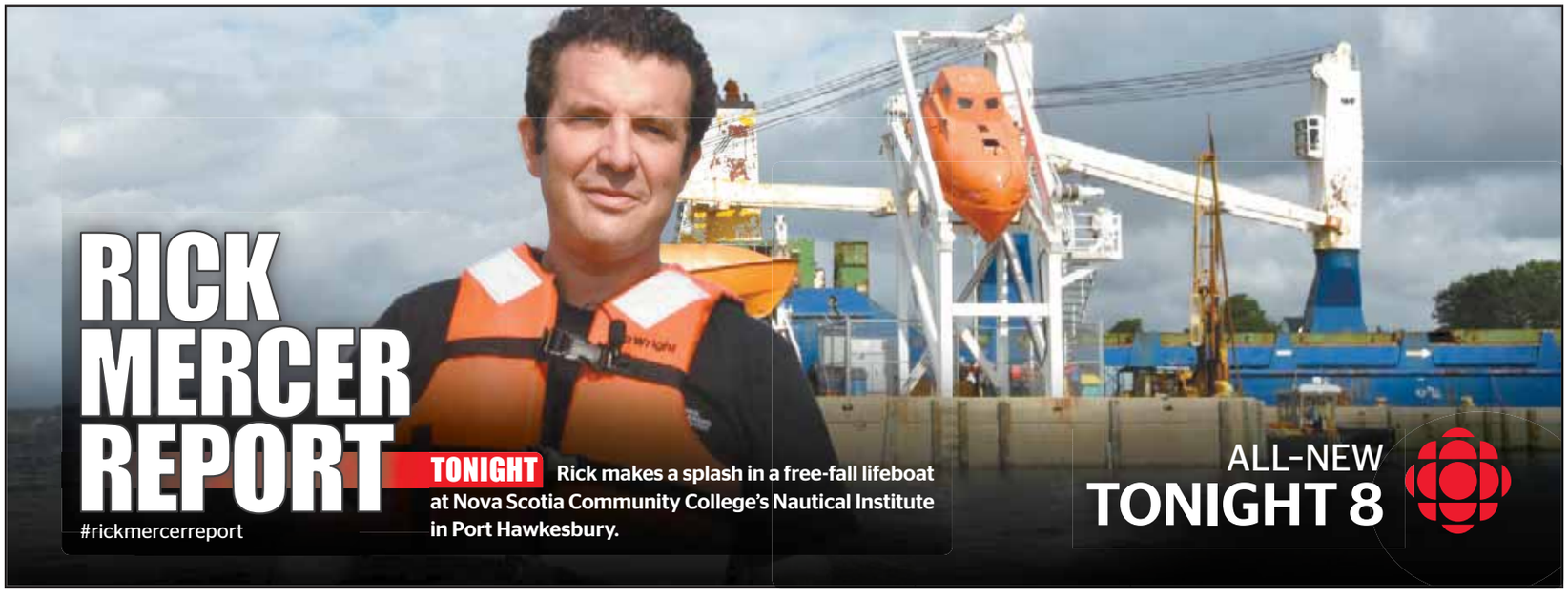
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The science of lovesickness

The documentary Sleepless in New York by director Christian Frei follows people who have been rejected by their lovers in the days and weeks following their breakups. HANDOUT

INTERVIEW

Rejection's impact on the brain explored in new doc

A painful ache in your heart. Depression. Inability to stop crying.

These are all symptoms of a paralyzing illness that affects people all around the world — it's called lovesickness.

Biological anthropologist Helen Fisher is an expert on romantic love who has studied the effects of romantic rejection on the brain. She is also the lead scientist in a new documentary, Sleepless in New York, by Oscar-nominated director Christian Frei. The film looks at lovesickness and the self-destructive behaviour that accompanies it.

Describe the science behind lovesickness.
(Through brain scans of 17 people dumped recently), we found activity in a brain system that is completely linked with deep feelings of romantic love for the person. So when you've been dumped, you still continue to love them. We also found activity in a brain region linked with attachment, so even though they've dumped you, you still feel a feeling of deep attachment to this person. We also found activity in three brain regions linked with cravings. And one of those three is the main addiction centre for all drugs of abuse. Last but not least, we found activity in a brain region linked with the anxiety that goes along with rejection but also linked with pain.

So romantic love is an addiction?
It is an addiction. The addiction centres become active.

How dangerous can romantic rejection be?
Well, if you kill yourself, that's the finale of your life on Earth. If you kill someone else, that's the finale for them. If you're stalking someone, you're terrifying them. And if you slip into clinical depression, you don't get out of bed.

Is there a formula for overcoming romantic rejection?
I would treat it as an addiction. Throw out the cards and letters. If you're giving up alcohol, you don't keep a bottle of vodka on your desk. Don't write. Don't call. Don't ask that person's friends about them. Don't make friends with them, until you're entirely over it. A lot of these people who dump you want to make friends with you because they feel guilty! Go out and do new things with new people — that drives up the dopamine system and can make you feel better. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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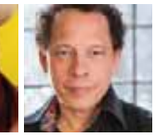
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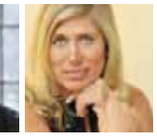
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More myopia seen in first-borns

STUDY

Oldest sibling at 10% greater risk of being short-sighted

First-born children have a 10 per cent greater risk of developing myopia compared to their siblings, according to research undertaken in Wales. The researchers point to a possible connection with parental investment in education.

Myopia in children is becoming increasingly prevalent in most countries and is proving to be a major challenge in public health terms.

While certain factors have been identified as triggers for this condition, such as genetics and the amount of time spent outdoors and indoors, a new study highlights a link between myopia and birth order.

Researchers at Cardiff University in Wales undertook a study using data from the UK Biobank database involving 89,000 participants aged between 40 and 69. None of them had had a family history of myopia, thereby removing any genetic factor that could affect their sight.

Welsh researchers have found a link between eye problems and birth order. ISTOCK

The researchers compared the participants' vision assessment and their risk of myopia by studying their birth order in the family.

Greater parental investment and the increased influence of educational criteria in the early childhood of first-born children could mean they are more exposed to factors triggering myopia, say the researchers.

The more studying the first-born children do compared to their siblings, the greater the difference in sight between them, reports the study, which points to parental role in children's school life, particularly first-born children, as a potential explanation for this phenomenon.

Their findings, which were published this month in the journal JAMA Ophthalmology, indicated that compared to their last-born and younger siblings, first-born children had a 10 per cent greater risk of becoming short-sighted and a 20 per cent greater risk of developing a severe form of myopia.

Taking their work a step further, the team then took account of environmental factors associated with the noted difference.

The researchers used two criteria: the highest educational qualification obtained and the age of completion of full-time education, in order to evaluate the degree of exposure to education depending on birth order.

Previous studies have shown that myopia is accentuated by intense reading, writing, and working at screens at school, university and in professional life.

The researchers suggest that reduced parental investment with siblings who follow the first-born could be linked to the lower risk of myopia in the younger and youngest siblings in a family. AFP

VITAMINS

Tens of thousands of ER visits blamed on over-the-counter pills

Over-the-counter supplements, including vitamins and weight-loss aids, are being blamed for 23,000 visits to U.S. emergency rooms each year, according to a decade-long study this week.

The findings published in the New England Journal of Medicine are based on reports from a nationally representative sample of 63 emergency departments from 2004 through 2013. The study raised new concerns among experts over the safety of an industry that critics say is largely unregulated and yet highly popular among consumers — bringing in $14.8 billion in 2007, or one-third of the out-of-pocket expenditures for prescription drugs, according to background information in the article.

Weight-loss aids were a leading culprit in the 20- to-34 age group, causing more than half of ER visits, commonly for heart-related symptoms including palpitations, chest pain or irregular heartbeat. AFP

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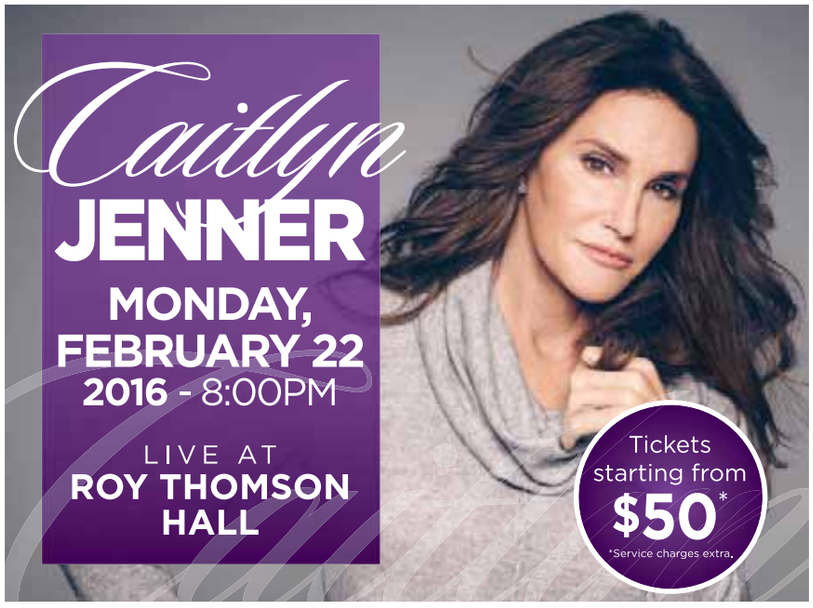

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Rose Reisman EAT THIS

THIS WEEK: McDonald's

In recent years, McDonald's has tried to include healthier menu items in an effort to change the perception that this massive chain only serves unhealthy junk food. Customers are demanding fresh and wholesome food, and McDonald's is coming to the rescue. But would-be healthful McDonald's customers beware — healthy-sounding items can be deceptive, especially with dishes like the Keep Calm, Caesar On Entrée Salad Bowl.

PICK THIS

Sweet Chili Signature McWrap

Ingredients
Grilled chicken breast, Thai sauce, iceberg lettuce, cucumber, McChicken sauce, whole wheat flour tortilla

Calories 410
Fat 13g
Sodium 940mg
Carbohydrates 45g

SKIP THIS

Keep Calm, Caesar On Entrée Salad Bowl

Ingredients
Baby kale, lettuce, crispy bacon, Parmesan, croutons, fried chicken, Caesar dressing

Calories 730
Fat 53g
Sodium 1400mg
Carbohydrates 30g

HERE'S WHY

The fat equivalent of two Big Macs

This kale and romaine salad seems to be a healthy alternative but this Keep Calm Caesar salad is anything but. The nutrients of the baby kale won't outdo the damage from the "crispy" chicken — a.k.a. deep fried — the bacon and high fat creamy dressing, which alone contains over 200 calories and 22 g of fat! Take note — the nutritional information on the website doesn't add in the dressing. You may as well indulge in two Big Macs in terms of fat!

The recipe makes eight to 10 servings. COURTESY LISA GNAT AND JULIE ALBERT, BITE ME MORE

RECIPE

Popcorn's tasty renaissance

Popcorn is having a moment. It's increasingly appearing on menus in high-end restaurants and artisanal shops are dreaming up dozens of ways to dress up the nostalgic movie-time snack.

Chocolate Caramel Pretzel Popcorn

In this sweet and salty treat created by Lisa Gnat, popcorn and pretzels are tossed with a homemade caramel sauce, baked and then drizzled with melted chocolate.

- 3 l (12 cups) unsalted popped popcorn
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) mini pretzels
- 250 ml (1 cup) brown sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) butter, cubed
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) light corn syrup
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) kosher salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) baking soda
- 125 g (4 oz) white chocolate, melted
- 125 g (4 oz) semi-sweet chocolate, melted

1. Preheat oven to 120 C (250 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Coat a large mixing bowl with non-stick cooking spray and place popcorn and pretzels in the bowl.

2. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine brown sugar, butter, corn syrup, salt and cinnamon. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil without stirring for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda (mixture will bubble up a little). Quickly and carefully pour over popcorn and pretzels and toss using wooden spoons to mix. Spread over prepared baking sheet and bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes.

3. Remove from oven and transfer popcorn mixture to parchment paper to cool. Drizzle with melted white chocolate and semi-sweet chocolate. Let cool completely to let chocolate set. Store in an airtight container.

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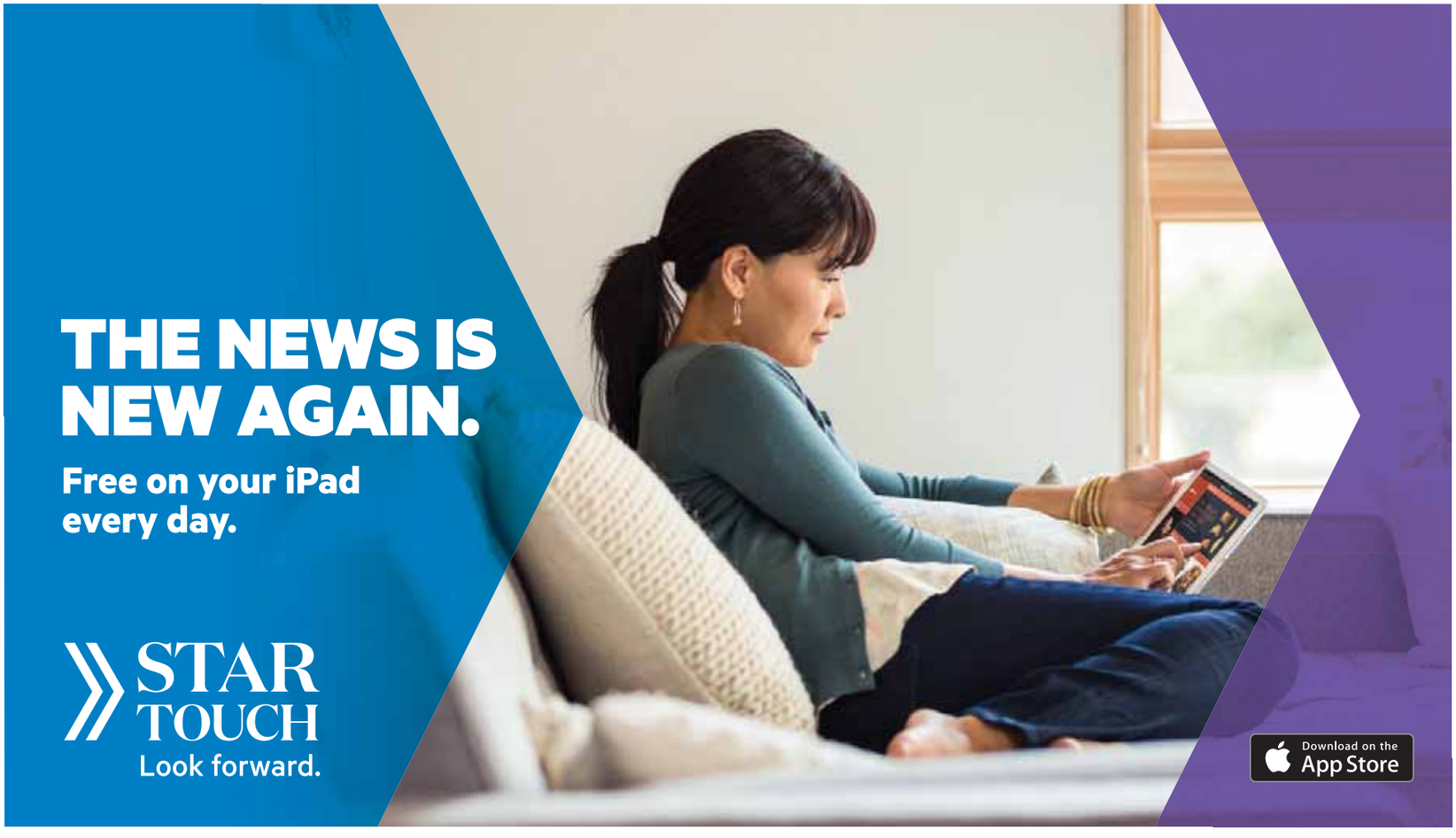

Digital nomads

Millennials are much less likely to define geographical boundaries

Jessica Wynne Lockhart

Geoff and Katie Matthews have uprooted their life every few months over the last two years. KATHLEEN L. MATTHEWS PHOTO

It's what some people might call the "sweet life."

After spending nearly a year in Prague, Geoff and Katie Matthews recently relocated to Mexico for six months. It's their 11th move since 2013; over the last two years they have uprooted their life every few months. Together, they have travelled to approximately 50 different countries, including driving from Croatia to Bosnia to Montenegro, exploring Scotland's Outer Hebrides, and living on a villa in Portugal.

How they do it? Or, more specifically, how do they afford to do it? The answer is easy: For Geoff and Katie, travel doesn't equate to vacation. Instead, the two small business owners work from the road.

"We have done the 'save up, go travelling' a couple of times, but when we left Canada in 2013, the plan was to build businesses as we went," said Katie, 34.

Using her background in recruitment and PR, Katie started a business producing content and helping clients define their personal branding, while Geoff, 39, launched a video editing business. Both work remotely with clients around the world.

"I think our lifestyle actually shaped the business, rather than the other way around," Geoff said.

The Matthews are part of a new business class of travellers — digital nomads. Previously, becoming location independent didn't seem feasible, except for those with freelance already in their job titles.

Today, it's estimated that more than 200 million North Americans are mobile workers, according to the International Data Corporation. While no firm statistics exist on how many of these individuals are taking advantage of their ability to travel, the number of digital nomads is undoubtedly growing. By 2018, Staffing Industry Analysts estimates online staffing costs will jump to $5 billion from $1 billion annually.

Entrepreneurial millennials are much less likely to define their small businesses — or their lifestyles — by geographical boundaries. Instead, for these mobile developers, graphic designers, illustrators, writers, day traders and even online poker players, their mantra seems to be "have Internet, will travel."

"My favourite part about this — aside from being able to work in your pyjamas all day — is really being able to immerse yourself in different cultures," Geoff said. "As far as an end game, it's a big question mark — the world's a big place and there's more to see."

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GET SOME REST
Getting at least seven hours of sleep a night helps you control the hormone cortisol, which is responsible for regulating your immune system. Some ways to help you fall asleep include avoiding rich meals right before bed, not drinking too many liquids before going to sleep and maintaining a regular sleep schedule.

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Goins gets tough as Jays erupt

MLB POST-SEASON

Tulowitzki, Donaldson join him in homer parade

Troy Tulowitzki, Josh Donaldson and Ryan Goins homered as the Blue Jays bats woke up Monday night, battering Royals ace Johnny Cueto in an 11-8 Toronto win that cut Kansas City's lead to 2-1 in the American League Championship Series.

Kansas City rallied for four runs in the ninth but it was too little, too late.

The Royals won 5-0 and 6-3 in Kansas City, handcuffing the Jays' powerful offence. But that changed in Game 3 in front of a loud sellout Rogers Centre crowd of 49,751.

"We need to score," Toronto manager John Gibbons said before the game. "That's kind of who we are." And that's exactly what they did, with Tulowitzki, Donaldson and Goins combining for nine RBIs.

The 11 runs set a franchise record for most runs scored in a post-season game at home.

It also marked the third time in Jays' playoff history that the team has scored 10 or more runs. The three homers matched a franchise single-game playoff mark.

Apart from the Royals rally, the lone sour note was Tulowitzki's ejection after taking the field in the eighth, seemingly for chirping home plate umpire John Hirschbeck. The Jays shortstop, who had to be held back by bench coach DeMarlo Hale, had just struck out for a second time and wasn't happy. Neither was the crowd.

After giving up a run to Kansas City in the first inning, Toronto sent eight men to the plate in the second and nine in the third to build a 9-2 lead. Goins, who had driven in two earlier runs, made it an even 10 with a solo shot in the fifth.

Birthday boy Jose Bautista, who turned 35, made it 11-4 with an RBI single in the eighth. The Royals added two runs on three hits and a sacrifice fly in the ninth off Liam Hendriks, forcing Gibbons to bring in closer Roberto Osuna.

Kendrys Morales then hit a two-run homer to make it interesting.

For Goins, it was an evening of redemption after a fielding blunder that opened the door to the Royals winning rally in Game 2 Saturday. He did damage with the bat and showed off his silky fielding skills.

For Tulowitzki, who is still feeling the effects of a late-season shoulder injury, it was a second straight successful outing at the plate after a playoff slump.

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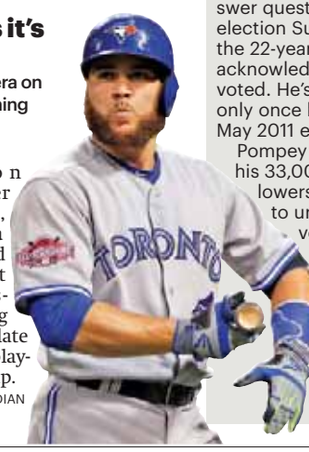
Ryan Goins got redemption after Game 2's costly fielding misplay, getting the Jays' offence going with a two-run single in the second inning before adding a solo home run in the fifth. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALCS **Game 3**

11	8

Have you ever tried to catch a butterfly as it's floating around in the air?

Russell Martin, pictured, who says he wishes he could put a camera on his mask so viewers could see the movement he sees when catching Tuesday's starter, knuckleballer R.A. Dickey.



NOTES

No cans versus K.C. — in dome's upper deck

Blue Jays fans sitting in the 500 level of Rogers Centre for Monday's game had to settle for drinking their favourite tipple out of a plastic cup.

The decision came after some unruly fans threw debris on the field, including beer cans, after a controversial call went against the Jays in Toronto's game against Texas on Wednesday.

Did they vote?

The lone Canadians on Toronto's roster are Russell Martin and Dalton Pompey.

Martin declined to answer questions about the election Sunday, while the 22-year-old Pompey acknowledged he's never voted. He's been eligible only once before, for the May 2011 election.

Pompey said some of his 33,000 Twitter followers had asked him to urge others to vote.

"I'm definitely going to tweet it out and raise awareness," he said.

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McDavid already turns heads

OILERS

Edmonton's top pick serves notice with breakout game

On Thursday, with his famous son still awaiting a breakout performance, Brian McDavid was ushered to an Edmonton Oilers backdrop and encircled by a rush of microphones. He was asked to describe the sensation of being inside a media scrum: "Uh, uncomfortable."

"No, it's fine," McDavid quickly followed. "He's a professional. I've learned from him."

Connor McDavid is still only 18 years old, but he already has spent a lifetime in front of cameras and microphones amidst intense public interest.

His father held court with reporters near the end of his son's first full week in the NHL — an unnervingly unremarkable week. But by the end of the weekend, the spotlight had returned to the ice and to a sense of hope in Edmonton.

"Oilers fans want to believe, so badly, that this is the guy," retired Oilers defenceman Jason Strudwick said Monday. "That this is the guy who is truly going to lead them out of the darkness."

McDavid had his first breakout game Saturday, with two goals and an assist in a win over the Calgary Flames. The Oilers had lost all five games against their provincial rival last season and were outscored 21-8. With McDavid's help, they won 5-2.

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> Jason Strudwick

On Sunday, he collected an assist in a 2-1 overtime win against Vancouver.

McDavid has five points in his first six NHL games, tied for the third-most among rookie skaters. That puts him on pace for 68 points this season — which is behind the rookie pace set by other so-called generational talents such as Wayne Gretzky (137), Sidney Crosby (102) and Mario Lemieux (100), but safely ahead of what the Oilers projected in public.

Before the season, Edmonton general manager Peter Chiarelli suggested he would be happy with 20 goals and 40 points.

"The change in him, in those five games, is like night and day," said Strudwick, host of a daily two-hour local affairs program on City, in Edmonton.

"He's taking the bull by the horns and he's going and creating and being aggressive. And it's so much fun to watch."

One of the best demonstrations of his skill was not recorded in the game summary. Early in the third period against Calgary, McDavid poked the puck away from a backtracking Flames defenceman, drove in toward the slot and pulled the puck back and away from a second defenceman. If not for Jonas Hiller's sprawling paddle save, McDavid might have landed the highlight of the week.

Strudwick, an Edmonton native, spent the final three seasons of his NHL career with the Oilers as they probed new depths in the standings. He said the fact the team already has a trio of recent first overall draft picks on the roster — Taylor Hall (2010), Ryan Nugent-Hopkins (2011) and Nail Yakupov (2012) — will make a difference.

"I think Connor is much more insulated here now than a Taylor Hall was, or a Nugent-Hopkins was," Strudwick said. "And I think that will help his development."

"He's going to be a great player for a long time," Canucks forward Alex Burrows told The Vancouver Sun. "He'll probably grow another inch and add 20 pounds. He'll be something to see."

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Connor McDavid celebrates his first career NHL goal last Tuesday in Dallas.
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NHL

Leafs work on the forecheck

With 11 goals in their last three games, the Toronto Maple Leafs can't complain about their offence.

The goaltending is going to have to be stronger — Jonathan Bernier was 37th in the league with a .900 save percentage through the weekend, and James Reimer was 41st at .890 — but the heavy forechecking game the Leafs are learning to play and the defencemen's penchant to pinch more than they used to is at least creating offensive opportunities.

"We've had a lot of good chances, I like they way we've been playing," said winger James van Riemsdyk, who has two goals in five games.

Tyler Bozak
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"There are some things we can improve on but we're putting our best foot forward. The work we've been doing has been showing in that regard."

If there's an issue, it is the health of centre Tyler Bozak, out with what the Leafs are describing as a lower body injury. Mike Babcock expected Bozak to play Saturday against Pittsburgh, but he didn't. Nor did he practise Monday. Babcock is hopeful Bozak will play Wednesday against Buffalo.

"We're a better team if Bozak is in the lineup," the coach said.

Babcock believes that forechecking, getting the puck and keeping it in the offensive zone will ultimately help the goaltending.

"All the guys have bought into it," van Riemsdyk said.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Buchanan shortlisted for 2015 Ballon D'Or, FIFA women's player of year

Canadian coach John Herdman has long said teenage defender Kadeisha Buchanan had star quality.

On Monday, he was proved right again as the 19-year-old from Brampton, Ont., was one of 10 shortlisted for the 2015 Ballon D'Or, which honours the women's player of the year.

Herdman, meanwhile, is shortlisted for women's world coach of the year for the second time in his career. He was also nominated in 2012, when he finished sixth in voting. Contenders for the FIFA men's playing and coaching awards will be announced Tuesday. Buchanan, who plays collegiate soccer at West Virginia, turned heads at the Women's World Cup on home soil this summer when she won the Hyundai Young Player Award and was the lone Canadian on the tournament all-star squad.

Still a teenager, Buchanan already has 40 caps. Tough, physical and fast, she is the anchor in the Canadian defence. In being shortlisted for the world award, Buchanan follows in the footsteps of Canadian captain Christine Sinclair, long the face of Canadian women's soccer.

Kadeisha Buchanan GETTY IMAGES

Herdman drew that parallel back in May 2014 after Buchanan starred in a 1-1 tie with the U.S. "I'm not frightened to say it, she's the Sinclair of defenders. She's that good," Herdman said.

The United States, which won the World Cup in July, is the best represented country on the shortlist with three players: Hope Solo, Megan Rapinoe and Carli Lloyd. The other candidates are Germany's Celia Sasic and Nadine Angerer, who won the award in 2013; France's Amandine Henry and Eugenie Le Sommer; Japan's Aya Miyama; and Switzerland's Ramona Bachmann. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Neymar filling void in Messi's absence

SOCCER

Barca star is La Liga top scorer, has Ballon d'Or top 3 in his sight

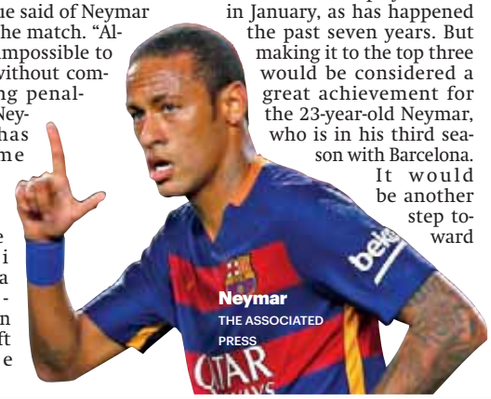
Lionel Messi's injury might just be what Neymar needs.

With Messi out of action, the Brazil striker has taken over the spotlight at Barcelona and has the room to prove he has what it takes to finally make the three-player shortlist for the player of the year award.

Neymar is almost certain to be in the 23-player list that will be announced Tuesday for the FIFA Ballon d'Or award. It would be the fifth consecutive time he makes it that far, but this could be the first year in which he has a realistic chance of breaking into the top three. Neymar is making a strong case for himself thanks to outstanding performances early in the season, including a four-goal game in the Spanish league on Saturday.

"Impressive, unstoppable, electric," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said of Neymar after the match. "Almost impossible to stop without committing penalties." Neymar has become the go-to guy since Messi tore a ligament in his left knee nearly three weeks ago, attracting most of the attention of the defenders, setting up teammates and even taking the penalty kicks.

Barring more injuries, there is little doubt that either Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo will win the best player award in January, as has happened the past seven years. But making it to the top three would be considered a great achievement for the 23-year-old Neymar, who is in his third season with Barcelona. It would be another step toward his goal of becoming the best in the world, something he has wanted since beginning his career with Brazilian club Santos. Neymar recently played his 100th match with the Catalan club, reaching the milestone with better numbers compared even to Messi in goals scored and assists.



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> **Impressive, unstoppable, electric.**
> Barca coach Luis Enrique on Neymar after his 4-goal game

"I want to keep making history, winning everything with the club," said Neymar, who leads the Spanish league in scoring with eight goals in as many matches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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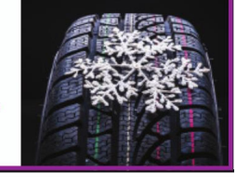

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RECIPE Italian Roommate Pasta

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This dinner is as much vegetables as it is pasta yet it's still pure comfort in a bowl. **Serves 4.**

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp of olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 cup bacon, chopped into 1-inch to 2-inch pieces
- 500 grams of whole wheat fusili
- 4 medium zucchini, julienned
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup Parmesan, grated
- Pepper to taste

Directions
1. In a large pan, warm up your olive oil over medium heat and add onions, garlic and bacon. Allow bacon to crisp up, about 5 to 7 minutes.
2. Put a big pot of salted water on to boil for the pasta.
3. Chop zucchini into matchsticks and add to the bacon mixture. Give it all a good stir so that the zucchini gets well coated. Allow it to cook down for at least 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Some of the zucchini will start to disintegrate and that's what you're after.
4. Cook your pasta according to the package instructions. Drain it well and throw the cooked noodles into the vegetables and give it all a good stir.
5. In a small bowl, whisk up the eggs and stir in the grated Parmesan. Pour the cheesy eggs into your noodles and mix well. Cook over medium heat until the sauce just sets. The whole thing will go from wet to gooey in just a few minutes.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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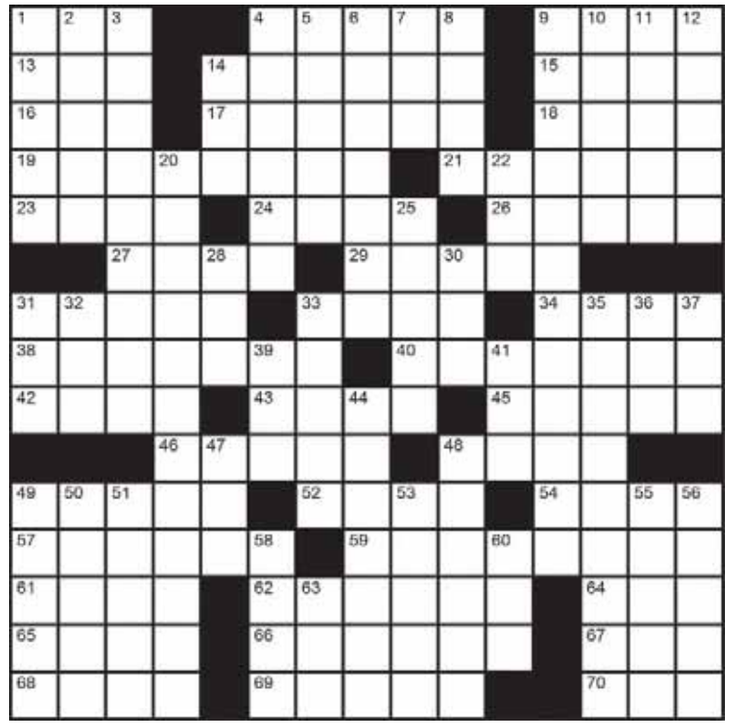

ACROSS
1. WWII fliers
4. Mountain bottoms
9. Earthenware pot
13. Calder Cup sports org.
14. Reach that destination on horseback: 2 wds.
15. Canadian actress Ms. Mitchell
16. Egyptian _ (Cat breed)
17. Mystery writer Ms. Christie
18. Chocolate or Pound
19. Slowly-but-surely
21. Sandwich roll
23. Mr. Hershiser
24. Ms. Brockovich
26. Category
27. Infliction
29. Bestseller, often
31. Thud
33. Prefix to 'culture'
34. _/_ radio
38. Loverboy's "Working for the _"
40. Coat: French
42. Unaltered
43. Music's Tori
45. Cars of Italy
46. Dobie Gray hit: "_ '_' Crowd"
48. Much: 2 wds.
49. Analyze
52. Rip
54. Cosy retreat
57. Actress Sissy
59. Crafts people
61. Ms. Kotb of NBC
62. Values
64. Ms. Leoni
65. Wing-shaped
66. Do charades: 2 wds.
67. Boo-boo do
68. Klingon in the 'Star Trek' universe
69. Mythological blood
70. Lefts opposites [abbr.]

DOWN
1. Sylvester Stallone role
2. Not _ _ out of place
3. Title of American composer John Cacavas' music piece featured in the Canadian wildlife TV vignettes Hinterland Who's Who: 2 wds.
4. England... Iconic bell/clock in the Elizabeth Tower in London: 2 wds.
5. Irish tune: "Robin _"
6. Literary locale
7. Shakespearean suffix
8. Saturate
9. The scientists at #48-Down jointly won "for the discovery of neutrino _, which shows that neutrinos have mass"
10. _ Apso (Dog from Tibet)
11. 'Great' waters
12. Australian attraction, _ Rock
14. Mr. Liotta
20. Layering piece for Fall fashion: 2 wds.
22. High card
25. Standards
28. Pres. Eisenhower
30. Through
31. Shirley's portrayer on "Laverne & Shirley" ...her initials-sharers
32. French actress Ms. Seydoux of the upcoming 007 flick
33. Acknowledge
35. Carnivore
36. Business excess
37. 12th Greek letters
39. Scottish refusal
41. Dallas Cowboys org.
44. When astronauts aren't in space, they are where?: 2 wds.
47. Donkey's partial laugh
48. 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics winners: _ B. McDonald (Canada) and Takaaki Kajita (Japan)
49. "Poppycock!"
50. Speedskater, _ Anton Ohno
51. "M*A*S*H" role
53. _-Detoo (George Lucas character)
55. Hagar the Horrible's dog
56. Ivan and Nicholas
58. "The Bridge on the River _" (1957)
60. 'Violin' suffix
63. Job [abbr.]

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
In one area of your life at least your efforts are about to pay off. However, your health could suffer if you overdo it physically. You need to get the balance between work and play just right. Make that your aim today.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may be tempted to force through changes you know others don't want but think of the resentment that could create. You may have a remarkable will to win, but you don't have to win every time.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you find yourself in a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable then get up and leave. Don't worry that it might be interpreted as being rude.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Pay no attention to rumours today. If certain people want to spread gossip that's up to them but it won't do you any good, so keep your distance and make sure you deal only in facts.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You could clash with someone who does not share your principles — or maybe has no principles at all. Just remember there are many out there who share your beliefs.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You cannot keep up your present frantic pace for much longer, and if common sense doesn't tell you then what happens over the next few days will hammer home the point, maybe painfully. Slow down and calm down.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't get emotional about something that needs to be dealt with on a purely mental level. If you allow your feelings to get the better of you then you will only confuse yourself.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try not to take yourself too seriously, especially if certain people flatter you. Most likely they are after something and hope that by saying the right things you will give it to them. But you're not that gullible, are you?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There are a lot of challenges coming your way but you will come through unscathed. Even the most testing trial can be turned into a triumph if you show the right attitude.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may find it difficult to get along with certain people. Make the effort because there could be financial repercussions if they feel you are being unfriendly for no good reason.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Control your temper, no matter how much others provoke you. Keep your cool by reminding yourself what could be at stake in the long-term — your professional status.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Anyone who takes you on today is likely to regret it. Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Virgo makes you hugely combative, so much so that you may actually go looking for trouble. Try not to alienate people.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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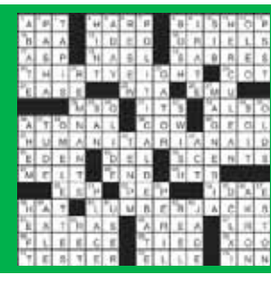

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